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Lent IV

26 March 2017

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| 25 Mar | SATURDAY | 4 th Sunday of Lent | 6.30 pm | Brian Wainwright |
| 26 Mar | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Stephen Turley |
| 27 Mar | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | The Parish Family |
| 28 Mar | TUESDAY | | 7:00 pm | House Mass Family Intention |
| 29 Mar | WEDNESDAY | | 10.00 am | Allen Royland |
| 30 Mar | THURSDAY | | 7:00 pm | Maureen Bainbridge Grace Stringer |
| 31 Mar | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | Christine Jones |
| 1 Apr | SATURDAY | | 7:00 pm | Hose Mass Family Intention |
| 1 Apr | SATURDAY | 5 th Sunday of Lent | 9:10 am | Gracy Konikara |
| 2 Apr | SUNDAY | | 7:00 pm | CWL |
| | | | 10:00 am | Sr Mary Salmon |
| | | | 6.30 pm | Thanksgiving |
| | | | 8.45 am | The Parish Family |
| | | | 10.45 am | Margaret Povey |

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Fr Paul writes...

Happy Mother's Day Weekend. Just think, as our clocks change to summer time, we have been given an extra hour to celebrate our Mothers. Now, if you have forgotten your mum this extra hour will allow the pain to continue for an extra 60mins!

Today we ask for the prayerful support of the **Mother of the Lord Jesus**. Over the next few weeks we will find her just standing by her Son. She does not use any words but inspires us through her actions. She is united with her Son and accepts that no matter what is to come, the faithfulness of God's promise will be fulfilled.

Last Wednesday evening we had a very fruitful meeting with all groups helping to put together the nuts and bolts in preparation for our Holy Week Liturgies. Over the next two weeks if you are approached by a fellow parishioner and invited to take a part in these liturgies please accept the offer. **Also, if you would like to put yourself forward perhaps** to be a Reader, a Eucharist Minister, a church cleaner, a collector, a welcomer or a member of the choir - the door is always open to new faces. Have a word with myself or Deacon Michael - you can even make contact via the internet.

I'm intending to introduce Holy Communion in the elements of bread and wine over our weekend Masses. This trial will start next Sunday at our 8.45am Mass. To help make this easier, we will be moving a few of the benches and chairs from the church to make more space for movement.

The method that will be used is very simple and I'm sure we will be able to do this successfully. I would be grateful if you could give me a little latitude in this matter - positive suggestions and are always welcome.

The practicalities are as follows:

All who wish to come for Holy Communion or a blessing come up the main aisle in twos. After receiving the Host or a blessing, move to the left to receive the chalice then return to your seat via the left-hand side aisle.

For those who are unable to come up for Communion the priest will come to you with our Deacon or Minister of the Eucharist with the chalice. I really hope this does not cause too much fuss. So, let's give it a go.

Soup and Sandwiches on Tuesdays from 12.00 to 1.30pm is going down a treat. This is an opportunity for our senior parishioners to come together for to have a bowl of homemade soup and a chance to have a natter. ALL ARE WELCOME, especially the MEN. There is no cost for the meal but there is a donations box if you would like to put something in.

Please keep in your prayers **John Robinson and Gracy Konikara** whose funerals will take place during the week. As always, I will keep you in my daily prayers.

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Lent III

19 March 2017

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| 19 Mar | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Derrick Nunn |
| 20 Mar | MONDAY | <i>St Joseph, Husband of BVM</i> <i>House Mass</i> | 10.00 am | Ingeborg O'Leary |
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| 22 Mar | WEDNESDAY | | 10.00 am | Lucy Broughton |
| 23 Mar | THURSDAY | <i>House Mass</i> | 10:00 am | Isabell & Joseph Louche |
| 24 Mar | FRIDAY | | 7:00 pm | Jean Houghton |
| 25 Mar | SATURDAY | <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> <i>In school</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> | 10.00 am | Albert Beattie |
| 26 Mar | SUNDAY | | 7.00 pm | Int: House Mass Family |
| 25 Mar | SATURDAY | <i>Next Weekend</i> <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> | 10.00 am | School Intentions |
| 26 Mar | SUNDAY | | 7.00 pm | SPUC |
| | | | 10:00 am | Bob and Hazel Byrne |
| | | | 6.30 pm | Brian Wainwright |
| | | | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| | | | 10.45 am | Sadie |

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We journey into this third week of Lent. Our reading begins to focus on the coming of Jesus' Passion. Here we have an opportunity to reflect on the mystery of the Father's love for us. As we read or see the news on TV, our world does not seem a happy place. There are wars, famine and social unrest. Yet it is here that we will find the Christ at work. This weekend we have been asked by **CAFOD** to give money to help with their out-reach workers in the field in such places as across South Sudan, Somalia, northern Kenya and Ethiopia. Severe drought, and several compounding problems - lack of food and civil war - means that now over 16 million people are facing starvation. **The United Nations warns that the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis in more than 70 years.** Please be as generous as you can!

Sr Laurice is not able to be with us this weekend as a member of her family is not well, please do keep her in your prayers.

On Wednesday evening, I attended my first Governors' meeting in our primary school. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful headteacher supported by a strong staff and a talented board of Governors. I brought them some cake as I could not do better than celebrate my birthday with a two-hour meeting - what a lucky man am I!

Please keep in your prayers **John Albert Robinson** and **William James McVicker** who have died. Remember too the Joseph family whose mother has died very suddenly. Please also pray for them because their application for Asylum will be reviewed over the next few weeks.

A date you may like to put in your diary: On **Wednesday 12 April at 7.30pm** there is a meeting in our parish hall, to look at the Holy Days of the Triduum. Here, we will have the opportunity to explore how these 3 days are essentially one sacred event. As we approach these day of liberation be assured of my prayers.

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COMMUNITY NEWS.

Congratulations to Patrick Roberts, one of our regular Saturday evening altar servers, as he was selected to represent Ireland at rugby for the Under 16's team. He travelled to the London Irish ground in Hazelwood, Sunbury-on-Thames, to play in a rugby tournament with others from all over the country. It was a fantastic opportunity and experience for him, and he is looking forward to representing both Ireland and Wales in the future (Sorry England and Scotland!) We wish him all the very best and will keep a close eye on his future!



"SPRING FORWARD"
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ON SATURDAY 25 MARCH



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| 12 Mar | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | People of the Parish |
| | | | 10.45 am | Louis O'Sullivan, Anne Vernon |
| 13 Mar | MONDAY | House Mass | 10.00 am | Maureen Gibbs |
| | | | 7:00 pm | Int House Mass Family |
| 14 Mar | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Mary Hensey |
| 15 Mar | WEDNESDAY | | 10:00 am | John and Maureen O'Grady |
| | | | 7:00 pm | Service of Word and Eucharist |
| 16 Mar | THURSDAY | Funeral Mass CWL Mass | 10.00 am | Ingeborg O'Leary |
| | | | 7:00 pm | Int CWL |
| 17 Mar | FRIDAY | St Patrick (CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY*) In School Funeral Mass Stations of the Cross | 9:10 am | School intentions |
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It has been a varied week. Monday evening we had a meeting for parents of First Communion children. What a wonderful group of people they are! Full of faith.

We then had a meeting of those who are preparing the nuts and bolts of our Holy Week Celebrations. I am most grateful for their time and commitment. We shall be holding another meeting – open to all – on Wednesday of Holy Week – the 11th April, after the 7pm Mass. This will give me an opportunity to give an overview of the coming Triduum. There will be a few refreshments during the meeting.

Many thanks to all who helped with the soup and sandwiches on Tuesday last. So, if you fancy a bowl of soup and sandwiches plus an opportunity for a chin wag, please come along this Tuesday from 12 to 1.30 pm. And those who came last week, bring a friend!

Just a reminder that there is an extra Mass on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm during Lent.

Many thanks to those who have already signed up for House Masses during Lent. There are still a few dates available. The list is by the Lady Chapel.

Pastoral Worker: Sr Laurice Mc Mullen – of the Sisters of Nazareth, Birkenhead, has offered her services as a part time Pastoral Worker. Sr Laurice is not a stranger to our Diocese. She spent many years on the staff of Hawkstone Hall Retreat and Pastoral Centre. We are fortunate to benefit from her many gifts and talents which she will share with us. Sr Laurice will be with us next week end to introduce herself to the parish. We look forward to welcoming her.

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Little Church: New rota online and in the sacristy.

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"Wireless communication is nothing new. I've been praying for 75 years!"

LENT 2017

"Return to me, with all your heart..."

Joel 2:12

We have printed a leaflet giving details of all our activities at St Winefride's during Lent 2017. Please do take one home and of course, your participation is warmly welcomed as we continue on our Lenten journey together.

House Masses: Monday and Thursday evenings by arrangement with Fr Paul.

Lent Soup Lunches: Tuesdays noon - 1:30pm in the Hall.

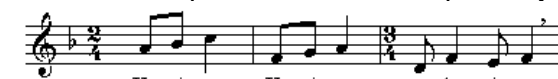
Stations of the Cross: Fridays 7pm in Church. 10 Mar - Musicians, 17 Mar - EMHC/Readers, 24 Mar - SPUC, 31 Mar - CWL, 7 Apr - Clergy.

Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Before all weekend Masses.

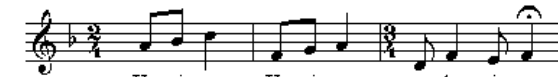
Music during Lent at 10:45 Mass:

Between the penitential Stations please join in singing:

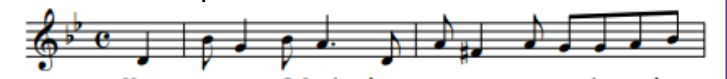
Psalm Response this week:



Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.



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Have mer-cy, O Lord, have mer-cy on us for we have



sinned, have mer-cy on us.

Gospel Acclamation for Lent: **Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory** (415)

ECUMENICAL LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

Courses based on the film 'The King's Speech'

Burton Vicarage

Tuesdays from 7 March 8.00pm. Contact- Cathy Helm 07471 890827

Little Neston Methodist

Thursdays from 9 March 7.30pm. Contact- Rev M Torchon 334 1772

York Course - 'Receiving Christ in five different ways'

Willaston Methodist Schoolroom

Tuesdays from 7 March 10.30am - 12 noon

Christ Church Vicarage

Tuesdays from 7 March 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Willaston Methodist Schoolroom

Wednesdays from 8 March 7.30pm - 9.00pm

For all three, contact: Rev S Bazely 327 3639; Mr T Dew 327 8612; Rev M Torchon 334 1772; Dr J Shaw 327 7183

'Loving God's Love'

'Deeping', Bevy Rd, Parkgate

Thursdays from 2 March 7.30pm. Contact: Chris Storer 336 1418





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Ordinary Time VIII

26 February 2017

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| | | 8 th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| 26 Feb | SUNDAY | | 10.45 am | Mary Sloan |
| 27 Feb | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | Sr Mary Salmon |
| 28 Feb | TUESDAY | St David | 10.00 am | Josie Carr |
| 1 Mar | WEDNESDAY | Ash Wednesday | 10:00 am | Ken McMahan |
| | | | 7:00 pm | Special Intention |
| 2 Mar | THURSDAY | | 10.00 am | Special Intention |
| 3 Mar | FRIDAY | Funeral Mass | 12 noon | Maureen Bainbridge |
| 4 Mar | SATURDAY | | 10:00 am | Int: Joseph Family |
| 4 Mar | Next Weekend SATURDAY | 1st Sunday of Lent Bishop's Pastoral Letter | 6.30 pm | Special Intention |
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Fr Paul writes:

I ask your prayers for **Maureen Bainbridge** who died in the week and also **Ingeborg O'Leary**. Pray too for their husbands and families.

The **Joseph family** has sent in a request to the Home Office in pursuit of claiming UK residency. On Friday 17 March, they will present their claim. They are very grateful for the support of the parish. Many of you have asked me "what can I do to help them in their difficult situation?" At the moment, your prayers are most important. I do hope to have a little more information to give next weekend.

This **Wednesday we begin the season of Lent**. Although **Ash Wednesday** is not a holy day of obligation, there is an **extra opportunity for Mass in the evening at 7pm**.

During this 'holy season' I'm offering the possibility of a **Mass to be celebrated in our parish homes**. These Masses give an opportunity to celebrate with family, friends and neighbours as we journey towards the festival of Easter. **I suggest the Mass to be at 7.00pm** and therefore you will have us all out of your house by 8.15pm! At the end of Mass all that will be required, re refreshments, are a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a biscuit. Anything more would take away from the simple celebration of Mass. I suggest that these be celebrated on **Monday and Thursday evenings**. If you would like to have Mass celebrated in your home, **please sign the list by the Lady Chapel**.

I hope, with some help, to invite our **senior parishioners to "soup and a sandwich" on Tuesdays at 1.00pm until 2.30pm** throughout the season of Lent. This will be an opportunity, likened to our sister churches, who are most welcome, to come together for a catch up and a good natter. **I'm also asking for volunteers to help with the soup etc**. If you would like to come to this lunch, please can you place your name as you leave Mass by both doors. If you would like to help just tap me on the shoulder. **The first of these lunches will start on Tuesday 7th March**. As for the cost, there will be a box to drop in whatever you think!

Next weekend we will have a leaflet with our Lenten program. Be assured of my prayers for your families and friends.

Have a good week.

Fr Paul

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NDCT - Lent Discussion Groups: Information about the groups available will be in the porches very shortly. Do support these groups if you can.

Fair Trade Events for Fair Trade Week: As a member of Neston and District Churches Together, St Winefride's has made a commitment to promoting and supporting Fair Trade principles and events: *Friday 3 March 9am-1pm* in Neston Market Square. This is an opportunity to come and meet representatives from local churches and find out how you can support Fair Trade *Fair Trade Funday Saturday 4 March, 11am - 4pm*, Grosvenor Park Chester. www.cheshiredec.org
The Real Easter Egg: The only Fair Trade Chocolate Egg with the Easter Story on the box www.realeasteregg.co.uk
Traidcraft and Brexit: information leaflets in the porch.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Exhibition: By 33 painters - 'For One Hour only' (!) from 3 to 4pm Monday 27 February in Neston Youth and Community Centre on Burton Road. Parking limited: Church Lane / Station Road recommended. Entry free! And all welcome!



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19 February 2017

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



The Women's World Day of Prayer started in the USA in 1887, as Mary Ellen Fairchild James, wife of Darwin Rush James from Brooklyn, New York, called for a day of prayer for home missions, and Methodist women called for a week of prayer and self-denial for foreign missions. Two years later, two Baptists called for a Day of Prayer for the World Mission. The Day of Prayer initiated by these two women expanded to Canada, then to the British Isles in the 1930s. The movements focus on ecumenism and reconciliation led to growth after World War II. Since 1927 the March day is known as *Women's World Day of Prayer*. Catholic women were allowed to join the movement after the Second Vatican Council, beginning in 1967, and united what had been their May Day of prayer with the March Women's World Day of Prayer in 1969.

Through the World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of the other countries and cultures and no longer live in isolation. They are also encouraged take up the burdens of other people, to sympathize with the problems of other countries and cultures and pray with and for them. They are further encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Every year, worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme. World Day of Prayer National/Regional Committees of that country prepare the order of worship on these themes to be used on the next World Day of Prayer.

On the first Friday of March, in services all over the world that country becomes the focus of prayer and understanding. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, women worldwide learn how their sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the biblical passages in their context. They learn of the concerns and needs of those women and to empathize and feel in solidarity with them.

Women's World Day of Prayer locally: Friday 3 March, 2pm at Ss Mary & Helen, High Street, Neston; 7.30pm at St George's United Reformed Church, St George's Way, Thornton Hough. Do join us in the largest act of worship on the planet. In over 170 countries, involving an estimated 3 million people we will be praying right round the world for the whole 24 hours on that day.

The service for 2017 has been devised by the Christian women of the Republic of the Philippines; a sovereign country made up of over 7,000 islands. All round the world each country will be using the same words and music – the service has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects. We are all looking forward to sharing the service and the insights of the Christians living in this country. We hope to learn more of their concerns so we can pray in an informed way with and for them. The Day of Prayer is not just for women, all are most welcome, men, children, families. Contact Veronica Cuthbert 0151 677 627.



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Ordinary Time VI

12 February 2017

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| 12 Feb | SUNDAY | 6 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| 13 Feb | MONDAY | | 10.45 am | Int: Sandra |
| 14 Feb | TUESDAY | Ss Cyril & Methodius Day of Special Prayer for Europe | 10.00 am | Josie Carr |
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ACTS: A Recovery of Mercy - the radical experience of Grace through all our addictions is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') on Sat 11 March 2017, 9:30 - 5pm (times tbc) at Wistaston Hall, Crewe CW2 8JS. If you are aged between 18 - 35 you are more than welcome to join us when we will be led by Damien Prescott, Director of Olive Branch Recovery Communities'. Payment will be by anonymous donation (suggested cost £20 & £15 for unemployed/student). To join us or for more info contact Siobhan: siobhanbc@talktalk.net 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947. Wistaston Hall is accessible by public transport but please contact Siobhan if you need a lift.

Fr Paul writes:

Congratulation to our candidates who have been enrolled in preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist at our 10.45am Mass last Sunday. Please look out for these young ones as they will be wearing a medal. Say hello to them and promise you will pray for them and their families during this time of preparation. Please keep Cardinal Murphy O'Connor and Fr Dwyer, who are sick, in your prayers. On Wednesday, there is the annual celebration of Teresa Higginson. You are most welcome to join with the group who are coming over from Liverpool at around 10.45am. Mass will be celebrated during the day. Be assured of my prayers over the coming week. Fr Paul

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Forgiveness and Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation

Sat 17 June, 10am: First Holy Communion Mass

Confirmation: Please register your interest for this year's confirmation programme for those in Year 8 and above by completing a registration forms (available online or in the car park porch) and return to the parish office. Preparation will begin after Easter and the Sacrament will be celebrated by the Bishop at St Winefride's on the evening of Friday 23 June.

SPUC: Our recent coffee morning raised £171, which will be used towards the sponsorship of three young people to this years youth and student conference, including two from our parish. The White Flower Appeal raised £590.88, many thanks for your wonderful support.

Meeting Tuesday 14 February 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. Please come and join us and help us with our Pro-Life Work, All welcome.

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 16 February, at 7.30 pm in the church hall.

Teresa Higginson: There will be a day of private devotion on Friday 15 February. Holy Hour starts at 11am followed by Mass at 12 noon. All welcome. For details please see the posters on the notice boards.

Thank you: The McMahon Family thank all those who helped to make Ken's funeral such a wonderful celebration of his life. Special thanks to Katharine and the choir and to all those who took part in the great Neston Bake Off and of course Fr Paul and Fr Chris. Many thanks for all the prayers and cards.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON REFUGEES – WHAT ARE THE BASIC TEACHINGS?

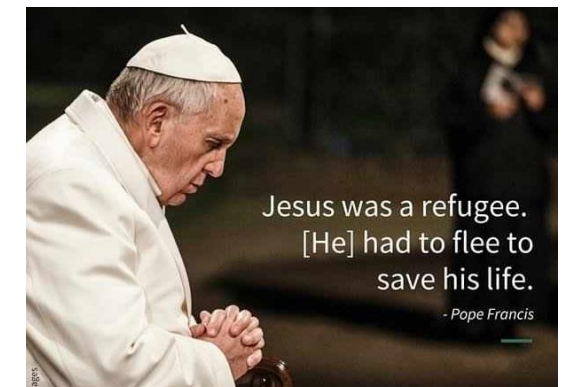
Catholic Social Teaching approaches questions of human mobility from the point of view of human dignity rather than legal status or national interest. Its key questions are not about legal obligations or defending sovereign territory, but rather how right relationships with self, God, others and creation, would call us – as individuals, communities, nations and international bodies – to respond to people on the move.

Catholic Social Teaching holds that anyone who is forced to move to preserve their lives or human dignity has a moral claim on the hospitality of others. The more vulnerable and needy the person, the greater their moral claim. Beyond responding to immediate needs it also requires the protection of rights and the transformation of the causes of displacement. Because every human person, regardless of one's legal status or geographic location, has a transcendent dignity that must always be respected, people on the move should enjoy the full range of human rights, and others have a duty to see that they are respected, protected and fulfilled.

According to Catholic Social Teaching, nation states exist to serve the human person by fostering, organising and promoting the common good. The dignity of persons comes before the interests of nation states and people must never be treated as means. Addressing the global phenomenon of migration requires all nations and international organisations to work together to ensure that all people and groups are able to meet their needs

and achieve their potential, that is, to share in the common good. Effective expressions of solidarity are needed.

National sovereignty should be respected and supported as long as sovereign states are willing and able to fulfil their responsibilities to respect and protect the dignity and rights of people within their jurisdiction and to promote the common good. The international community has a responsibility to support and assist where this condition is not met. This is how the principle of subsidiarity works. National sovereignty cannot legitimately be used as an excuse to neglect or abuse the human rights of people, no matter what their legal status, or to stand by while this happens. In practice however states do manipulate these concepts to justify their actions, sometimes with deadly results.





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Ordinary Time V

5 February 2017

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| 4 Feb | SATURDAY | 5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Collection: White Flower Appeal (SPUC)</i> First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass | 6.30 pm | Priest's Intention |
| 5 Feb | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Fred Dutton |
| 6 Feb | MONDAY | St Paul Miki & Companions | 10.00 am | Heather, Una & Michael O'Shea |
| 7 Feb | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Marjorie Jackson |
| 8 Feb | WEDNESDAY | St Josephine Bakhita Day of Special Prayer for victims of trafficking | 10:00 am | Margaret Harris |
| 9 Feb | THURSDAY | | 10.00 am | Thanksgiving (R J) |
| 10 Feb | FRIDAY | St Scholastica Funeral Mass | 10:00 am | Magdalen Ounsworth |
| 11 Feb | SATURDAY | Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of Prayer for the Sick | 10:00 am | Ruth Pisarek |
| 11 Feb | Next Weekend SATURDAY | 6 th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | Parish Family |
| 12 Feb | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| | | | 10.45 am | Int: Sandra |

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RIP: Please keep in your prayers **Magdalen Ounsworth** whose funeral is this week. **Mary Sloan** and **Patricia Hughes** whose funerals are in the coming week. May they rest in peace. Pray too for their families and friends at this time of loss.

| | 4/5 February | | | 11/12 February | | |
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In a message for the 2017 World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis called for renewed efforts in facing today's challenges in health care and in promoting respect for life.

"May we find new incentive to work for the growth of a culture of respect for life, health and the environment," he said, and may the day "also inspire renewed efforts to defend the integrity and dignity of persons, not least through a correct approach to bioethical issues, the protection of the vulnerable and the protection of the environment."

The World Day of the Sick is celebrated annually on February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Thanking those who care for the sick, the elderly and those who suffer or are in need, the pope underlined the importance of treating everyone with respect and care because "every person is, and always remains, a human being."

Even those who have serious disabilities or are debilitated "have their own inalienable dignity and mission in life. They never become simply objects. If at times they appear merely passive, in reality that is never the case," he said.

Inspired by the selfless love and obedience of Mary and Jesus, the church continues to serve those who suffer or are in need, the pope said.

"The solidarity shown by Christ," with his birth and then death on the cross for the redemption of humanity, "is the expression of God's merciful omnipotence, which is made manifest in our life — above all when that life is frail, pain-filled, humbled, marginalised and suffering — and fills it with the power of hope that can sustain us and enable us to get up again."

The pope asked that "this great wealth of humanity and faith" not be lost or forgotten.

"It should inspire us to speak openly of our human weaknesses and to address the challenges of present-day health care and technology," he said, leading to greater efforts to build a culture of respect for life, health and the environment.

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Pope Francis leads a special audience in Paul VI hall at the Vatican for patients and workers of Rome's Bambino Gesù children's hospital.

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Mary, our Mother,
In Christ you welcome each of us as a son or daughter.
Sustain the trusting expectation of our hearts,
succour us in our infirmities and sufferings,
and guide us to Christ, your Son and our brother.
Help us to entrust ourselves to the Father who accomplishes great things.
Amen.



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Ordinary Time IV

29 January 2017

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| 28 Jan | SATURDAY | | 6.30 pm | Parish Family | | |
| 29 Jan | SUNDAY | 4 th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Collection: Priest's Retirement Fund</i> | 8.45 am | Egon Begush | | |
| | | | 10.45 am | Michael Halley | | |
| 30 Jan | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | The Unity of the Christian Family | | |
| 31 Jan | TUESDAY | <i>St John Bosco</i> | 10.00 am | John & Barbara Healey | | |
| 1 Feb | WEDNESDAY | | 10:00 am | Anniversary: Brin Haggart | | |
| 2 Feb | THURSDAY | <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> | 10.00 am | Int: Miller | | |
| 3 Feb | FRIDAY | <i>St Werburgh</i> <i>In Church</i> | 10:00 am | Priest's Intention | | |
| 4 Feb | SATURDAY | | 10:00 am | Service of Word and Eucharist | | |
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An invitation to the Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury Launch
Saturday 4 February at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

Dear Friend

I am writing to invite you, your members, staff or volunteers to the official launch of the Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury agency. The establishment of Caritas is the result of a journey begun in September 2015 when we held the Caritas Roadshow "Being a Church for the Poor" in Ellesmere Port. We were delighted on that day to have so many groups with us in the Marketplace providing an opportunity for us all to see what is actually already being done in the Diocese, to share our knowledge and expertise and to talk with one another about how we can work better together. It has been a long but exciting journey and at last we are able to say that we have achieved the remit given to us in that event to create a Caritas Diocese with its own CARITAS Agency and we would be delighted if you could join us on the day to celebrate that achievement.

The launch offers an opportunity for individuals and groups within our Diocese to:

- Celebrate what we all do in witness to the love of our neighbour and in response to the call of Pope Francis to be a Church of the Poor
- Celebrate the foundation of the agency and pray for its success
- To hear about future plans and directions for its work in the Diocese
- To reflect on the national response to Catholic Social Action in England and Wales

The event will be chaired by Canon Phil Moor and we will also be joined by Mike Kane MP for Wythenshawe & Sale East, and Dr Philip McCarthy, Chief Executive of CSAN, who will speak about the development of Caritas in England and Wales. I hope that we will have an inspiring and enjoyable day, celebrating the present and looking forward to the future in the Diocese, creating stronger partnerships to better serve and support those in need.

Event Programme:

- 10.00am Registration and Refreshments
- 10.30 am Welcome by Bishop Mark Davies
- 10.45 am Input from the speakers:
- 11.45 am Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark and local clergy
- 1.00 pm Close

If you would like to attend the Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury Launch it would be helpful if you could register beforehand with Pauline McCulloch email pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or telephone 0151 652 9855. I look forward to seeing you on the day

Yours faithfully

Mary Kilcoyne
CEO of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury

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Ordinary Time III

22 January 2017

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| 21 Jan | SATURDAY | 3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | John and Joan Schofield |
| 22 Jan | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| 23 Jan | MONDAY | | 10.45 am | Marie Lancaster |
| 24 Jan | TUESDAY | St Francis de Sales | 10.00 am | Christian Unity |
| 25 Jan | WEDNESDAY | The Conversion of St Paul END OF THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | 10.00 am | Patricia Hughes |
| 26 Jan | THURSDAY | Ss Timothy & Titus | 10:00 am | Priest's intention |
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Counters: New rota in the parish office.

Choir Rehearsals: Will resume this Sunday 22 January at 4pm.

Fr Paul writes...

One of the sadnesses of the Christian Church is its disunity. Every year the world's Christian church set aside a week of Prayer for Christian unity. You will notice in the Newsletter many opportunities in our local area to join with our brothers and sisters in response to the Lord's call that 'we will be one.' The intention for Mass on Monday morning will be for the unity of the Christian family. We must never lose heart, for in our area we do so many things together, from praying to the food bank just to name two.

On Wednesday, we heard the news that Magdalene Ounsworth has died. Please keep Magdalene and her family in your prayers. Last Monday our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist met with their parents to begin this journey. Over the next few weeks I will place before you many ways you can support these children.

Let us keep one another in your prayers that we will do all we possibly can to strengthen the message of the Gospel. With my prayers.

Fr Paul



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18 - 25 January 2017)

The week of prayer for Christian Unity this year has the theme *Crossing Barriers*. Please do join our fellow Christians at any of the activities where you will be most welcome.

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| Sun 22 | 6:30pm | Ecumenical Service & NDCT AGM | Parkgate & Neston URC, Parkgate Road |
| Mon 23 | 10:00am | Mass (Christian Unity) | St Winefride's RC Church, Burton Road |
| Tue 24 | 10:00am | Prayer | Lt Neston Methodist Church, Mellock Lane |
| | 10:30am | Pause & Reflection | Willaston Methodist Church |
| | 7:00pm | Prayer | Neston Christian Fellowship, Burton Road |

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PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Triune God,
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Amen

COMMUNION HYMN

The refrain for our communion hymn at 10.45 mass is:

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help,
the Lord is my salvation



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Ordinary Time II

15 January 2017

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| 14 Jan | SATURDAY | | 6.30 pm | Parish Family |
| 15 Jan | SUNDAY | 2 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Special Prayer for World Peace | 8.45 am | Robert Howard |
| 16 Jan | MONDAY | | 10.45 am | Dorothy + Ian Ilott |
| 17 Jan | TUESDAY | St Anthony, abbot Funeral Mass | 10.00 am | Greg Copper |
| 18 Jan | WEDNESDAY | THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | 10:00 am | Kenneth McMahon |
| 19 Jan | THURSDAY | St Wulstan, Bishop | 10.00 am | Gerry Nugent |
| 20 Jan | FRIDAY | St Fabian, Pope, Martyr, St Sebastian, Martyr School | 9:10 am | Becca Morton |
| 21 Jan | SATURDAY | St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr | 10:00 am | Grace Stringer |
| 21 Jan | SATURDAY | Next Weekend 3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | John and Joan Schofield |
| 22 Jan | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| | | | 10.45 am | Marie Lancaster |

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm

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If your child wishes to receive the sacraments of First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please fill out a First Communion Form available in the porch and online and return to Fr Paul.

Counters: New rota available in the parish office.

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 19 January at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Walsingham 2017: The SVP District Pilgrimage this year is from 24 to 27 April. The cost is £225 with a deposit of £30 payable by the end of January. Please make cheques payable to Janette Doherty and hand to Derek Pover. The Pilgrimage this year will be staying at the Anglican Centre.

Fr Paul writes...

The church Calendar tells us that we have now returned to 'Ordinary Time.' So this weekend is called the **2nd Sunday of the year.** I will admit that I'm not very good at maths. Wonder why? Well according to my calculation this is the start of the **3rd week of 2017.** Ah Well, the church sometimes lives in a different world, like moving the feast of the Epiphany from the 6th of January to the 8th January! So, we are in ordinary time. To me there is no such thing! Over the next few weeks and months we will start our preparations for the celebration of **First Reconciliation and Eucharist.** At our 10.45am Mass on Sunday 5th of February we will welcome our young candidates and their parents to this Mass of enrolment. These yearly celebrations have a twofold action. Firstly, for us to welcome these young people and their families and support them with our prayer. Secondly, it is a yearly reminder of our own preparation for these Sacraments. This year, with the support of our Primary school and Parish catechist, we will be asking our 'housebound community' to pray for one of the Candidates. A photograph will be given to the housebound which will only have the child's Christian name on it. I will be asking the Eucharist Ministers to take them to the housebound when they bring them Holy Communion each week.

Between **18th of January and 25th** we will be celebrating the **Octave of prayer for Christian Unity.** Next weekend there will be a number of cards for us to sign as a promise of our prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christian churches in our area. Through this promise we will renew our dedication in response to the Lord's invitation "**that we will always be one.**" **On Monday 23rd the intention of our 10.00am Mass will be for the Unity of the Christian family.** Please do support the events taking place in the Week of Christian Unity- more information in this Newsletter.

I always feel a little flat when all the Christmas decorations are taken down. Even though the days are dark and the winter sets in we still know that the sun will slowly warm us and Christ, the Light of the World, will continue to be our guide. Be assured for my prayers for the coming week,

Fr Paul



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18 - 25 January 2017)

The week of prayer for Christian Unity this year has the theme *Crossing Barriers.* Please do join our fellow Christians at any of the activities where you will be most welcome.

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| Wed 18 | 5:00pm | Evening Prayer | Ss Mary & Helen, High Street |
| Thu 19 | 7:00pm | Praise and Fellowship | Parkgate & Neston URC, Parkgate Road |
| Fri 20 | 10:30am | Shoppers' Fellowship | Neston Methodist Church, Park Street |
| Sat 21 | 8:30am | Prayer Breakfast | Lt Neston Methodist Church, Mellock Lane |
| Sun 22 | 6:30pm | Ecumenical Service & NDCT AGM | Parkgate & Neston URC, Parkgate Road |
| Mon 23 | 10:00am | Mass (Christian Unity) | St Winefride's RC Church, Burton Road |
| Tue 24 | 10:00am | Prayer | Lt Neston Methodist Church, Mellock Lane |
| | 10:30am | Pause & Reflection | Willaston Methodist Church |
| | 7:00pm | Prayer | Neston Christian Fellowship, Burton Road |

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Caritas Launch: Ellesmere Port High School on Saturday 4 February at 10.00am, with a welcome from Bishop Mark.: pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

FLAME 3: The largest National Catholic Youth event on Saturday 11 March in Wembley. Any young people from Year 10 and above who are interested in attending contact youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Ticket and coach travel is £45 per person.

Annual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage: Saturday 11 February at 12 noon at Our Lady & the Apostles, Stockport. If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2017, let Fr Paul know, who will arrange for you to receive an invitation from Bishop Mark.



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Ordinary Time I

8 January 2017

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| 7 Jan | SATURDAY | | 6.30 pm | Special Intention |
| 8 Jan | SUNDAY | <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> | 8.45 am | Herbert Ankers |
| 9 Jan | MONDAY | <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> | 10.00 am | Parish Family |
| 10 Jan | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Monica McKey |
| 11 Jan | WEDNESDAY | | 10.00 am | Kenneth John McMahon |
| 12 Jan | THURSDAY | <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i> | 10.00 am | Eucharistic Service |
| 13 Jan | FRIDAY | <i>St Hilary</i> | 10.00 am | Fr Gerry Courell |
| 14 Jan | SATURDAY | | 9:10 am | Esmé Rose Weir |
| 14 Jan | SATURDAY | <i>Next Weekend</i> | 10:00 am | Deceased members of Doherty & Southwell Families |
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| | | | 8.45 am | Robert Howard |
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Caritas Launch: Dear Parishioners, It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the launch of the new CARITAS, Diocese of Shrewsbury agency. This will be an opportunity to hear about our future direction in social action and social justice. The celebration will be held at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, Capenhurst Lane, Whitby, CH65 7AQ. on Saturday 4th February 2017. Programme: 10.00am Registration and refreshments: 10.30am. Welcome by Bishop Mark and input from speakers concluded with Mass at 11.45am. Please contact Pauline McCulloch if you are able to attend: pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 0151 652 9855. Sincerely, Mary Kilcoyne CEO.

Happy New Year! Just think it is only 51 weeks to Christmas!! I really hope all went well with your Christmas celebrations. This weekend we celebrate the coming of the Wise Men who come to offer their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. This feast of the Epiphany focuses on the Gentiles, the non-Jews, who come in search of the Christ Child. The word epiphany literally means to point out or to show. It is here we are invited by the Christ child to go out to others 'pointing out' the one who is the centre of our life. The One who journeys with us through life forever showing us the way to the Father. For the Lord Jesus is the 'Truth' of God's Word incarnate in time and space. So, as we start to take down our Christmas decorations and store them away for another year, let us not put into storage what the Christ-child has given us throughout this festival. Let us be an 'epiphany' for all to see.

It is with sadness that I announce the death of **Kenneth John McMahon**. In my short time in the parish I have discovered this wonderful man. He was truly blessed to be married to Sylvia for nearly 60 years who have welcomed the gift of their children and now grand children. Yet in the midst of death they were soon laughing at the many stories of a man who loved them all so much. **Please keep Sylvia and her family** in your prayers. **Kenneth's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 17th January at 10.00am.** May he rest in peace.

At the start of a new year we are encouraged to make new resolutions for the year ahead. If you are anything like me these resolutions disappear after a few weeks and life returns to normal. So, this year I'm asking for a little support from your good selves. While you and I are at Mass look around and see a fellow parishioner who you don't know by name. Firstly, pray for them and then find a way of saying hello to them not forgetting to tell them your own name. Remember as St Paul tells us, 'We walk among Saints.' Let us try, by the end of the year to have prayed for our fellow parishioners as they have prayed for us. We will have got to know them by name and together we have strengthened our community as the living body of Christ - His Saints.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for making the church so beautiful over Christmas. Many visitors have commented on the church, on our liturgy, music and most of all our welcome. I would like to add my gratitude for making my first Christmas here truly filled with wonder and many blessings. I would like to thank you all for your many kind words of encouragement, gifts and prayers. I know too that Deacon Mike along with Frs Chris and Russell echo their thanks for your kindnesses.

As always, be assured of my prayers and remembrance in the holy Mass throughout the coming week.

Fr Paul

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Yearbook and Ordo: Copies available from the Parish Office price £4 and £5

2017 Diaries: Available in both porches – please do take one!

Cleaners: If you would like to join the team and can spare an hour once every six weeks, please contact Louise Wilkinson on 336 1096 or louise@wilkinsontowers.com

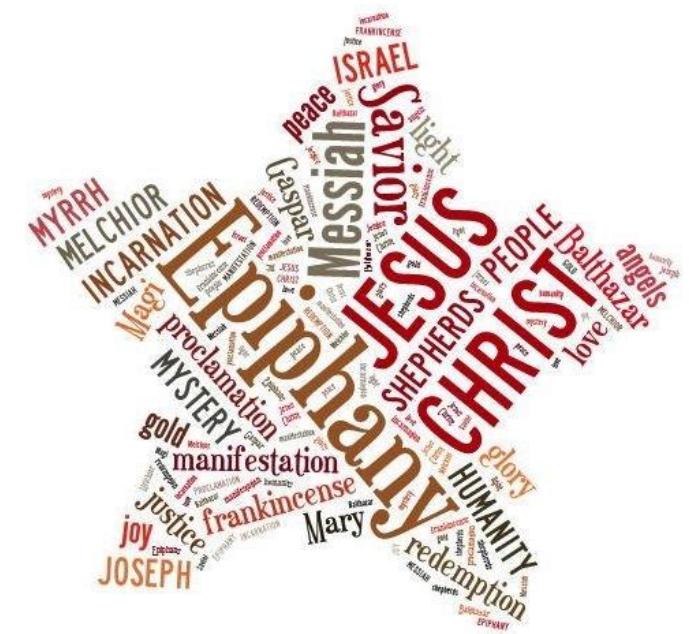
Choir Practice: There will be no choir practice this weekend. Our next meeting will be on Sunday 15 January at 4.00pm.

SPUC: Thank you all for the wonderful support you gave to our pro-life cause last year and we wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Spiritual 2017. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10 January 7.30pm in our church hall. All our welcome, so why not come and help with our pro-life work in 2017.

CWL: Committee meeting on Thursday 12 January 7.30pm at Angela's.

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ORDINARY TIME XII

25 June 2017

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| 24 June | SATURDAY | THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST <i>12th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | 6.30 pm | Parish Family |
| 25 June | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Carol Cropper and Family |
| 26 June | MONDAY | | 10.45 am | Hugh McNulty |
| 27 June | TUESDAY | <i>St Cyril of Alexandria</i> | 10.00 am | Anthony Ellis |
| 28 June | WEDNESDAY | <i>St Irenaeus</i> <i>Vigil Mass: Ss Peter and Paul</i> | 10.00 am 7:00pm | Margaret and Geoff Davies Anastasia Corbett Priest's Intention |
| 29 June | THURSDAY | <i>Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles (Holy Day)</i> | 10.00 am | Agnes Graham |
| 30 June | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word & Eucharist |
| 1 July | SATURDAY | | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word & Eucharist |
| 1 July | <i>Next Weekend</i> SATURDAY | 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | Special Intention |
| 2 July | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| | | | 10.45 am | Kenneth McMahon |

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Confirmation 2017

Friday 23 June saw 12 people from the Parishes of Our Lady and St John Heswall, Holy Spirit Pensby and St Winefride's confirmed by Bishop Mark.

We wish the participants well in their future roles in the Church and offer our prayers and support as they continue their journey in Faith.

Thank you also to the Catechists, who willingly offered their time and expertise to ensure a successful program of study and reflection for all the Candidates.



Fr Paul writes:

'Blessed be the God of Israel. He has visited his people and redeemed them.' These are the words of the Father of John the Baptist, whose feast we celebrated on Saturday morning. This birth will herald the coming of the Christ. Over the last few weeks we have been shaken by the events in Manchester and London. Sometimes we can lose heart when we see how one human being can treat another. It is here that the Baptist will point out that 'the one who is to follow will Baptise with the Holy Spirit'. Jesus is to be the personification of the Father's love. A love that will lead to his only Son being crucified and left for dead. **It is in that darkened hour that the Holy Spirit will raise, what has been broken will now become new life in Christ.**

As these darkened events have shown how the human race has the capacity to do good. Both in Manchester and London we have seen the selfless **generosity of a people, many of the poor, giving to their 'brothers and sisters' all that they can give to those in their need. In truth these people, up and down our country. Are seen as the Baptist who proclaims, 'a light that darkness can never overcome'. Let us pray to the Spirit of Light, that those with the responsibilities of government, may seek out the poor, the infirm, those who sleep on our streets and many others who have the need to be listened to. May this governance be seen not seen as power but service of all to all who are in need. May the governance of our Church both local, national and international heed the call of the prophet John.**

Last weekend we celebrated our children who received the Lord Jesus for the first time. **It is always a special day in the life of the parish. The children were wonderful. I'm sure their parents and families are very proud of them. Many thanks to all who helped in their preparation both within our school and the parish family.**

Please keep in your prayers Agnes Graham who has died, may she rest in peace.

Let's pray for one another that with the Lord's help we might be a light for good in our world. With a remembrance at Mass for all your family intentions.

Fr Paul

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Summer Fair: Sunday 25 June at St Winefride's school from 12:30pm

Our Book of Condolence: for the Manchester Tragedy will be removed from the church at the end of the week. There is still some time for you to sign it. Once Year 6 have added their comments I will send it to the Mayor of Manchester along with the money we have raised.

MISSIO (red boxes): Could someone please volunteer to help until our Missio Rep Jayne Peet is able to continue? Please contact Deacon Mike if you can.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Syria Exhibition: Organised by the Aid to the Church in Need (CAN) Taking place in the Cathedral from 14 - 16 July 2107. See posters in the porches for details.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pilgrims for Servant of God Teresa Higginson: Mass in honour of the Sacred Head and prayers in honour of Teresa Higginson on Friday 30 June at 11am. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information see the church notice board.



Parish Census: As requested by Bishop Mark: Many thanks to those who have completed the Parish Census. If you have not yet updated your details, please ask Fr Paul or Deacon Mike for a census card.



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ORDINARY TIME XI

18 June 2017

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| 17 June | SATURDAY | THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST | 6.30 pm | Ann Donnelly |
| 18 June | SUNDAY | SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE <i>Collection: Day for Life</i> | 8.45 am | Fred Dutton |
| 19 June | MONDAY | | 10.45 am | Jack Henesy |
| 20 June | TUESDAY | <i>In School</i> | 9:10 am | School Intentions |
| 21 June | WEDNESDAY | <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i> | 10.00 am | Maureen Bainbridge |
| 22 June | THURSDAY | <i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i> | 10.00 am | Grace Stringer |
| 23 June | FRIDAY | THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS (In Church) <i>Mass of Confirmation</i> | 10.00 am | Jim Kay |
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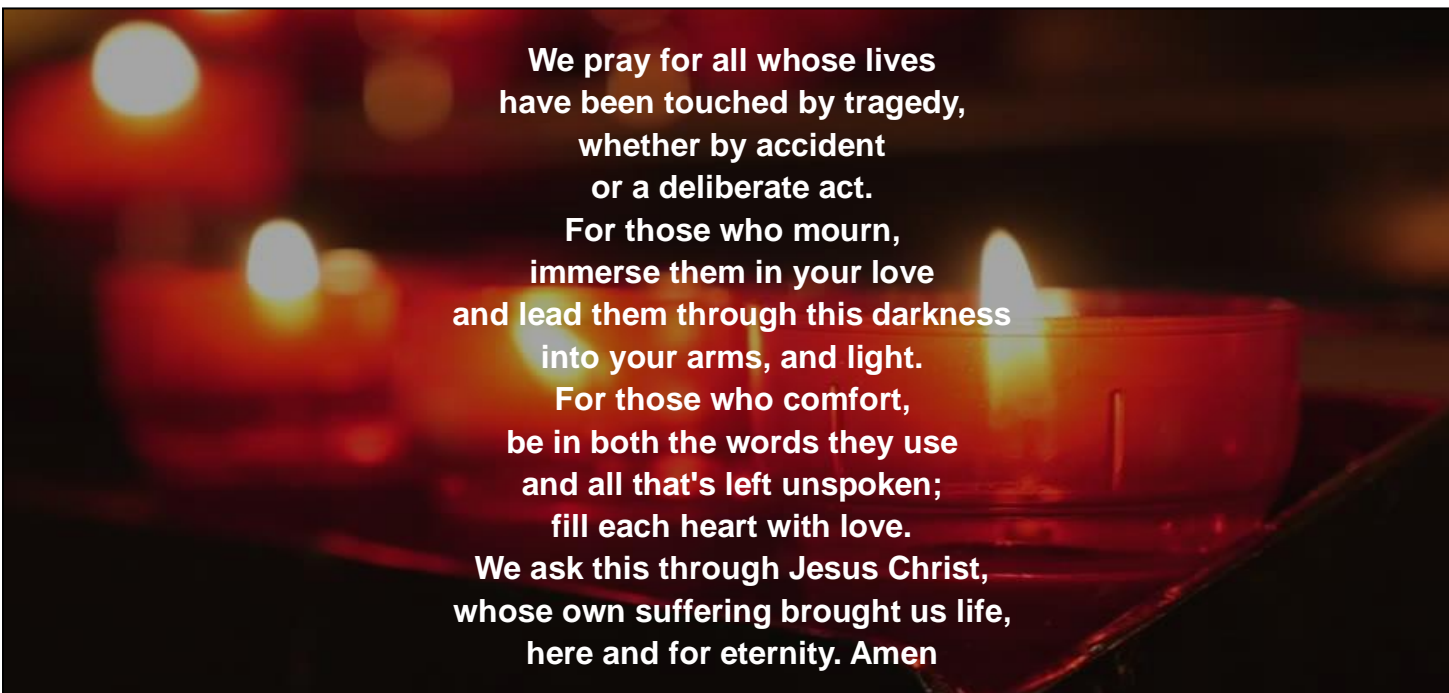
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**We pray for all whose lives
have been touched by tragedy,
whether by accident
or a deliberate act.
For those who mourn,
immerse them in your love
and lead them through this darkness
into your arms, and light.
For those who comfort,
be in both the words they use
and all that's left unspoken;
fill each heart with love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
whose own suffering brought us life,
here and for eternity. Amen**

Fr Paul writes:

This weekend we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Just before Holy Communion I will be asking our Eucharistic Ministers to renew their commitment of service.

Sometimes in life, one sadness can very quickly turn into another: the tragedy and horror of the block of flats in London might well leave us feeling helpless. Yet out of this 'horror' we are soon caught up in the wonderful generosity of the local people in that neighbourhood. Some of the poorest have brought food, water and offers of shelter to those who have lost everything. One lady was asked by a BBC correspondent where did she get all the clothes from? She answered by saying "I simply opened my wardrobe and collected everything that was inside. What I am giving is nothing compared to the loss of loved ones. I can always get more clothes, but you cannot bring back those that have been lost." Her generosity, along with that of so many others, shows the Spirit of the Living God at work even in the darkest of situations. We pray for those who have died, their families and friends. We pray for all those who have lost their homes and ask God's blessing on all the Emergency services.

We had our celebration of First Eucharist this Saturday morning, then, on Monday, in our school, we will have a Mass of celebration to which we are all invited. Please come along if you can. Last Saturday we celebrated the Wedding of Neil Gabriel and Helen Green. May they be blessed throughout their married life. On this Friday, Bishop Mark will be with us, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7.00pm. Again, you are most welcome to attend. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

Please note that morning Mass this **Saturday is at 9.15am** as there is a Music Day which starts in the parish Hall at 10.00am. Let us pray for one another throughout this coming week.

Fr Paul

P A R I S H A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Our Book of Condolence: for the Manchester Tragedy will be removed from the church at the end of the week. There is still some time for you to sign it. Once Year 6 have added their comments I will send it to the Mayor of Manchester along with the money we have raised.

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Pastoral and Financial Advisory Group: Our first meeting will take place on **Wed 21 June at 7:30pm** in the presbytery.

Music: A reminder that our Music Day will be on Saturday 24 June – please note the change in mass times for that day. If you feel like joining us, it is not too late – call Louise Wilkinson on 366 1096 or see her after 10:45am Mass this weekend.

Choir Practice: This Sunday's rehearsal (18 June) at 6pm will be combined with the Confirmation rehearsal

Day of Life: As you leave Mass today you will be handed a leaflet from our Bishops. There will also be a retiring collection for the 'day of Life' National Agency.

D I O C E S A N A N N O U N C E M E N T S


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this intention. If you can, please join them: **Wednesday 21 June** at 7pm at the Carmelite Monastery, 12 Grosvenor Place, Birkenhead, CH43 1UA. All welcome!

Syria Exhibition: Organised by the Aid to the Church in Need (CAN) Taking place in the Cathedral from 14 - 16 July 2107. See posters in the porches for details.

O T H E R A N N O U N C E M E N T S

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OUR MISSION TOGETHER
Fulfilling Our Catholic Commitment

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ORDINARY TIME X

11 June 2017

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| 12 June | MONDAY | | 10.45 am | Philomena Trewick | |
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| 14 June | WEDNESDAY | | 10.00 am | Anastasia Corbett | |
| 15 June | THURSDAY | | 10.00 am | Fr Ted Harrington | |
| 16 June | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | Nick Smith | |
| 17 June | SATURDAY | First Holy Communion Mass | 10:00 am | Margaret & Geoff Davies | |
| 17 June | Next Weekend SATURDAY | The Body and Blood of Christ | 6.30 pm | Ann Donnelly | |
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especially our young people, and flyers promoting this event will be given out as you leave Mass this weekend.

CWL: Meeting Thur 15 June at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. The speaker will be Margaret Fletcher and the talk title is 'From Flower arranging to Vicar'. All welcome!

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CAFOD: Wirral Coastal Walk Sun 18 June – see poster.

Fr Paul writes:

Another week that has just flown by! As we go to print, the votes from the election have not yet been counted. Let our prayer be for our new government, that they will see their time in office not as 'in power' but as 'service'. May they support the many who are poor, the elderly, and those who are facing financial ruin. We ask the intercession and prayer of St Thomas More - the 'heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians'.

Manchester Tragedy: Many thanks for your generosity in support of last weekend's voluntary collection. We raised £444.93. I will leave the book of condolence for you to sign at the Lady Chapel until next weekend. Thereafter, I will give an opportunity for the two top classes of our school to add their messages. Following this I will send the condolence book and cheque to the Mayor of Manchester.

Sacraments: Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation - please keep all our young people, their families and confirmation sponsors in your prayers. We congratulate **Neil and Helen Gabriel**, who were married here on Saturday afternoon. May the Lord continue to bless them as they start their married life together.

Prayers Requested: As some of you know, Fr Chris's lifelong friend, Fr Ted Harrington, has not been too well and has been in hospital in Ireland for some weeks. Fr Chris recently visited him in hospital. Please keep Fr Ted in your prayers. On Wednesday morning at 10am we will celebrate Mass for Fr Ted's intentions.

Pastoral and Advisory Financial Group: Over the last few weeks I have invited a number of our parishioners from each of our weekend Masses to form a Pastoral and Advisory Financial Group. Our first meeting is on **Wednesday 21st June at 7.30pm** in the presbytery.

Our Mission Together: This weekend, at the invitation of Bishop Mark, we have been asked to join other parishes of our Diocese in supporting the 'Our Mission Together' (OMT) initiative. He has asked us to look to the future in identifying the needs of our Diocese and to support specific projects over the next 10 years. Since its inception, parishes have raised new funds that have enabled some of these new initiatives to be started and, with more parishes participating, it is hoped to secure the future of many more such activities. Some of the projects are listed below.

Caritas: The Catholic Children's Society has now become part of the broader 'umbrella' of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury, our Diocesan social outreach initiative, that includes supporting the homeless, refugees, families in crises, children in need etc. Most other dioceses in the country have joined the national Caritas network, the international arm of which is CAFOD.

Funding Support: The Bishop has been able to employ new social workers within the diocese for Caritas and has also appointed a Diocesan Welfare Officer to support the increasing numbers of our retired clergy. The Diocese also supports those young men exploring their vocations by means of a 'House of Discernment' at the Cathedral and those who are studying for the priesthood in our seminaries.

Youth: The future of our young people, coupled with the support they need to develop an active and vibrant faith, is a concern to every family and church community. Currently students from Steubenville University, USA are visiting some of our High Schools to inspire and energise our young people, encouraging them to develop a robust and active Faith Life in today's world. Building on the momentum of this mission, Bishop Mark is seeking to appoint youth workers for our diocese.

Building Work: As you are aware, the Diocese wishes to build some retirement accommodation in the grounds of our parish, here at St Winefride's. (I know that Fr Chris is keenly interested very interested in such a development!)

Over the next few weeks I will be able to update you on how we have been asked to support these new initiatives.

As requested by the organisers of OMT, we have been asked to complete a **parish census**. I'm aware that a census has been taken in the parish recently, but this census will be asking for slightly different information. Thank you for your participation in this.

Although we may feel a little uncertain at this stage, I hope that in the forthcoming weeks, as we hear more about the scheme and these developing projects, we will be able to firmly help and support the good governance of our parish and diocese for generations to come in the many different ways that we so generously engage in, here at St Winefride's.

Be assured of my prayers for you over the coming weeks.

Fr Paul

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you: from Rosemary Southwell. I would like to thank Fr Paul, Fr Chris, Deacon Mike, parishioners and all my dear friends in the CWL for Masses, prayers and help received during my recent illness. God bless you all.

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BLESSING FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

In this new season
 may you know
the presence of the God
 who dwells within your days,
the mystery of the Christ
 who drenches you in love,
the blessing of the Spirit
 who bears you into life anew.





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PENTECOST / ORDINARY TIME IX

4 June 2017

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| 3 June | SATURDAY | <i>Pentecost</i> | 6.30 pm | Lisa Limerick | | |
| 4 June | SUNDAY | <i>Confirmation Enrolment Mass</i> | 8.45 am | Parish Family | | |
| | | <i>Holy Hour</i> | 10.45 am | Mike Halley | | |
| 5 June | MONDAY | <i>Funeral Mass</i> | 2:00 pm | <i>Exposition</i> | | |
| 6 June | TUESDAY | <i>St Norbert</i> | 11.00 am | Columba Haggart | | |
| 7 June | WEDNESDAY | <i>Funeral Mass</i> | 10.00 am | Lisa Limerick | | |
| 8 June | THURSDAY | | 10.30 am | Eleanor Mulholland | | |
| 9 June | FRIDAY | <i>St Ephrem, St Columba</i> | 10.00 am | Keith, Una and Michael O'Shea | | |
| 10 June | SATURDAY | | 10.00 am | Anna Corbett | | |
| 10 June | SATURDAY | <i>Next Weekend</i> | 6.30 pm | Sheila Talakuda | | |
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A Message from Sr Laurice:

I am Sister Laurice McMullan a Sister of Nazareth. I left home in Co Down Northern Ireland in 1964 and joined the Sisters of Nazareth in London. After noviciate years followed by ongoing formation I made final Profession in 1971 in Hammersmith London.

During those years I was also involved in the care of the elderly. This being the main work of the Sisters of Nazareth throughout the world. After my final commitment to the Congregation I studied Residential Social Work which equipped me to work with the elderly within Nazareth House.

From the year 2001, I had a change of direction working in Hawkstone Hall on the Pastoral team until it closed in 2016. Again, a very fulfilling ministry.

I am now looking forward to working with you in St Winefride's. If Wednesday's SVP tea is anything to go by this is going to be a great time of blessing. Over the next few months I hope to get to know as many of you as I can. My sincere thanks to Father Paul and to you all for your very warm welcome.

Sister Laurice

Fr Paul writes:

This has been a week of contrasts. Firstly, I ask you to remember in your prayers Columba Haggart, whose funeral is on Monday and Eleanor Mulholland whose funeral is on Wednesday and all the members of their family and friends. May they rest in peace. I know that many of you will have known Columba whereas Eleanor has only been in England at Plessington Court for the last 18 months. So, if you can attend her funeral Mass this will offer her family some support.

On Wednesday, we had our SVP High Tea with many of our senior parishioners and those who are housebound. There was one request to have some music to dance to. However, when our guests had sat down and got stuck into the sandwiches and cake, we could have had a full orchestra playing 1812 overture, with its big guns; and you would not have been able to hear it. Many thanks to the members of our parish SVP for their many works of charity. Speaking of the SVP, they are always on the lookout for new members. Their work does not take up too much time. So, if you would like to find out a little bit more have a word with me and I will put you in contact with one of its members.

On Thursday, I joined in with my first Neston Female Society on their 203rd Annual Walk. What an event! The town was closed to traffic from 12.30pm to 5.30pm. The sun was shining brightly, the pipe band led the way followed by the Mayor and civic dignitaries, then the children, the choir of the Neston Parish church along with the clergy Allan, Judith and myself. It was good to see many parishioners and especially the children enjoying the event. I would like to thank Ms A Williams (Hon Secretary) for her organising this occasion for the Parishes and the people of Neston.

Manchester Tragedy I will leave the book of condolence for you to sign at the Lady Chapel. When our school is back from half term I will give an opportunity for the two top classes to add their messages. Following this I will send the condolence book and cheque to the Mayor of Manchester. As you leave the church today we are having a voluntary collection to help with the professional assistance that these families will need in the months and years to come.

Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage please keep them all in your prayers. We congratulate Helen Jones and Liam Fogarty who were married here on Friday. Many of you will know Helen and her family who lived in our parish. Helen, is a broadcaster for the BBC in Liverpool. May the Lord hold them in the palm of his hand as they begin their new life together. Our General Election is nearly upon us. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and to inspire whoever is called to govern in protecting the poor and many vulnerable people in our communities. With my prayers. Fr Paul.

Fr Paul

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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EMHC/Readers: The rota for autumn is being prepared. If there are dates between Sep and Dec that you are unavailable, email emhc@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Justice and Peace: Issue 98 of Mouthpeace is available online in Parish Life under Justice & Peace.

SPUC: Next weekend we are asking you to sign our joint Life and SPUC petition to have Marie Stopes International stripped of their licence to perform abortions. We will also be giving out flyers re our AGM on Tuesday 13 June at 7pm in our church hall. This will be followed by a "Stopping Abortion in the UK" meeting at 7.45pm. This is part of SPUC's 50th Anniversary Tour and we have two people coming from London to give us this talk. Please see notices in the two porches.

MISSIO (red boxes): Could someone please volunteer to help until our Missio Rep Jayne Peet is able to continue? Please contact Deacon Mike if you can. For

any interested candidate, there is to be a local Missio training day at St. Gabriel's, Alsager on Saturday 15 July.

CWL: Committee Meeting on Thursday 8 June at 7.30pm at 4 Parkside Close.

SVP: Theatre Night fund raiser for the holiday home on Wed 8 June 7:30pm at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. The Bebington Players will perform "Hobson's Choice" by Harold Brighouse; tickets are £8 and are on sale after mass or from Mark Branch (0151 336 4287). The theatre night helps keep the holiday home open and is used by families from St Winefride's and other parishes in the Chester & Ellesmere Port area.

Catenian Association: The Birkenhead Catenian Association are holding their next meeting on Wednesday 21st June at Prenton Golf Club Golf Links Road Prenton CH42 8LW at 7.30pm. Any men who would be interested in finding out more about the Association can join us on that evening. To find out more ring Ian Trotman 336 5958 or Joe Sanderson 608 4339.

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GENERAL ELECTION 2017

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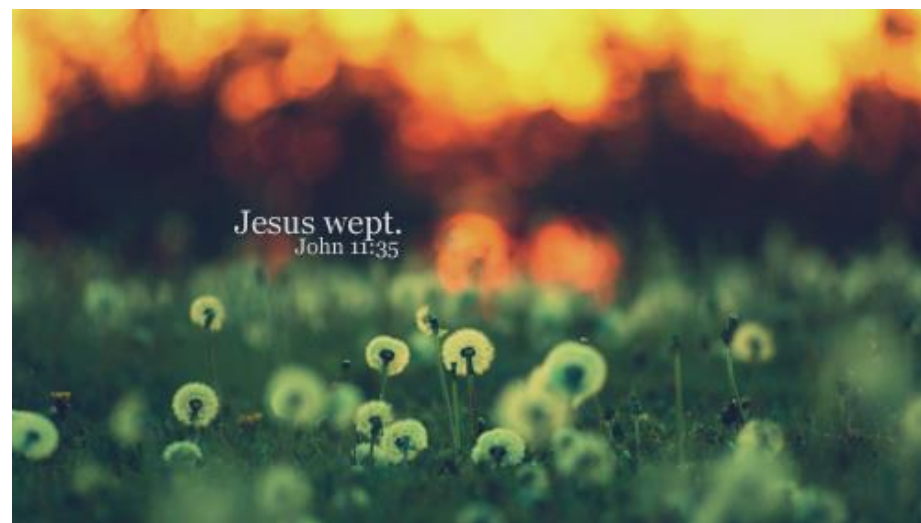
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EASTER VII – ASCENSION OF THE LORD

28 May 2017

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| 27 May | Next Weekend SATURDAY | Ascension of the Lord WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY | 6.30 pm | Fr Gerry Courell | | |
| 28 May | SUNDAY | 2 nd Collection | 8.45 am | Parish Family | | |
| 29 May | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | Philip and Ann Delaney | | |
| 30 May | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Terry Bartley | | |
| 31 May | WEDNESDAY | The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 10.00 am | Mark Branch | | |
| 1 June | THURSDAY | St Justin | 10.00 am | Keith, Una and Michael O'Shea | | |
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Fr Paul writes:

This weekend we are celebrating the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. It is here that the Lord gives his final command to his disciples 'to go out to the whole world, baptise and proclaim the Good News.' When the Lord vanishes from the disciples' eyes, an angel is heard saying to the disciples to stop looking up into the sky, but to look out to a world which is thirsting to hear the good news of the Gospel.

The events that have taken place this week in Manchester have rocked the people of Manchester and further afield. **Her Majesty the Queen, while visiting the Manchester Children's Hospital, speaks of the event as 'evil'.** I believe her to be right. Yet, when we have listened to the news, we are told of how our professional organisations, our 999 services have worked so well. We have also been told of the generosity of the ordinary people on that night. Some people opening their doors and inviting strangers in. Taxi and private cars offering lifts to take people home. One driver took a family home to Birmingham. Hotels opened their doors to provide food and drinks of water. One homeless man is seen holding a young child in his arms. People of faith - or no faith - are moved to have compassion for the stranger who needs reassurance, warmth, shelter and love.

These sad events of life's journey can make us question as to **where God is.** Yet it is in the practical testimony of the Manchester people, we see the concrete action of today's feast. For the faith that we have inherited as gift, has been enacted by the words of the Lord in another text, for the Lord says, "if you are disciples of mine you are to 'look after the stranger, feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless, look after the sick and come and give solace to the dying and comfort the bereaved'".

Yes, the good news of the Word has been played out in so many different and diverse groups of people. I believe that what this 'evil act' has tried to do has failed. But we must continue on our pilgrimage of life and strive to be 'a living Gospel' to all who share with us on the same road.

I've asked a few parishioners in what practical way we could offer support to the families who have lost their children or parents along with the injured. Firstly, **we need to have a time for prayer. Next Sunday between 2.00pm and 3.00pm we will have a holy hour in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. You do not have to commit yourself to the whole hour, 5 mins will do.** There will be a book of condolence available from this weekend in the Lady Chapel for you to sign. We will also have a **voluntary collection at the end of Mass.** I will send both the book and the collected money to the Mayor of Manchester who has opened up a fund to help towards some of the funeral expenses and to aid the survivors in the weeks, months and years ahead.

With my prayers for you and your families.

Fr Paul

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EMHC/Readers: The rota for autumn is being prepared. If there are dates between Sep and Dec that you are unavailable, email emhc@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Justice and Peace: Issue 98 of Mouthpeace is available online in Parish Life under Justice & Peace.

SPUC: We will be asking you to sign our joint Life and SPUC petition to have Marie Stopes International stripped of their licence to perform abortions in the UK. We will also be giving out flyers re our AGM which is on Tuesday 13th June in our church hall at 7pm and which will be followed by a "Stopping Abortion in the UK" meeting at 7.45pm.

MISSIO (red boxes): Could someone please volunteer to help until our Missio Rep Jayne Peet is able to continue? Please contact Deacon Mike if you can.

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DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAFOD: Wirral Coastal Walk Sun 18 June – see poster.

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GENERAL ELECTION 2017

A copy of the Letter from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales is available to take in the porches or accessible online at: <http://cbcew.org.uk/CBCEW-Home/Advocacy/General-Election>



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SPUC: SPUC have a new publication called "PRO LIFE TODAY" copies will be given out after Masses this weekend. Please note the "Use your vote Section"-- Our group are in the process of interviewing the candidates for the election, please contact Margaret on 336 2050 if you wish to know how they would vote on key pro-life issues.

Thanks: Roy Corbett and his family would like to thank everyone who offered messages of support and sympathy on the occasion of the death of Anna. A Mass is being offered on your behalf.

ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NDCT: Volunteers Needed Do you have an hour or two to spare on Monday 22nd May between 9:15am and 1:30pm? We need volunteers from St Winefride's to be present at St Mary and St Helen's on Neston Cross to support the 'Prayer in the Bible' exhibition with examples from all the local Christian traditions on display. If you can help, please contact Deacon Mike after Mass this weekend.

NDCT Exhibition: Prayer in the Bible at Ss Mary and Helen's, Neston runs from 22 – 26 May and the church will be open from 9:30am – 3:30pm with a youth drop in on Tuesday 23 May from 7 – 9 pm and a Praise Service at St Nicholas, Burton on Wednesday 24 May at 7:30pm. Do try and visit. This has been created especially with younger visitors in mind and schools will be watching the exhibition at various times during the week.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NE Singers: Sing in day on 9 June. A Masterclass at St Michael's Church, Marshlands Rd 10am-3:30pm. £10 bring lunch! Diane 336 7192.

EASTER VI

21 May 2017

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|--------|--------------------------|--|----------|--|
| 20 May | Next Weekend SATURDAY | Sixth Sunday of Easter | 6.30 pm | Maureen Bainbridge |
| 21 May | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| | | | 10.45 am | Delaney Family |
| 22 May | MONDAY | The Dedication of the Cathedral Funeral Mass | 12.30 pm | Dr Nicholas Smith |
| 23 May | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Mass or Service of Word and Communion |
| 24 May | WEDNESDAY | Our Lady Help of Christians | 10.00 am | |
| 25 May | THURSDAY | St Bede the Venerable, | 10.00 am | |
| 26 May | FRIDAY | St Philip Neri | 9.10 am | |
| 27 May | SATURDAY | St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop | 10:00 am | Special Intention |
| 27 May | Next Weekend SATURDAY | Ascension of the Lord | 6.30 pm | Fr Gerry Courell |
| 28 May | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| | | | 10.45 am | Int: Emily Stevenson |

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| | 6:30pm (Vigil) | 8:45am | 10:45am | 6:30pm (Vigil) | 8:45am | 10:45am |
| Readers – Readings | C Haimes | K Ankers | M Unsworth | S Davies | Larty Family | T Topping |
| Readers - Intercessions | K Powell | T Nolan | J Tunstall | F Byrne | K Ankers | Joseph Family |
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| | M Green | T McGlynn | D Barber | M Branch | M Davies | K Holden |
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Last Sunday's Offering: Thank you for your generous support!

Fr Paul writes:

The weeks go flying by. It was wonderful to see our young people crowning Our Lady. For many of us it brought back childhood memories and how proud our parents were of us. I firmly believe that it is expressions like this that provide and deepen what we call 'the deposit of faith'. Many thanks to **Mrs Orme and her staff** for the hard work that goes into preparing the children for this occasion. I thank too the parents, family members and parishioners for their continual support of the school.

On Monday, we will be celebrating the **Funeral Mass for Nicholas Smith.** Nick was an Oncologist at Clatterbridge Hospital. I am sure that many members of our parish family may have been under his care. Sadly, Nick died of cancer early last Saturday morning. Nick was only 62 years old. Please keep Nick, his family and his colleagues in your prayers.

You may have noticed that **St Anthony** has a new position in the church. He now stands on a stand that was made by **Tom McKeown** and his son **Sean.** Both good men did so much for the Church. They were both gifted carpenters. This stand, I believe is a fitting memorial for all they have done for us.

After the school has its half term break we will be celebrating many sacraments within our parish family. Our young people will be receiving their first Holy Communion, our teenagers will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Many couples are coming here to start their new lives together in the Sacrament of Marriage. Please do keep them in your prayers.

Re: St Anthony yet no bag - so no £20 for him!

Know that you are remembered in my daily prayers. Have a good week.

Fr Paul





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EASTER V

14 May 2017

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| 13 May | Next Weekend SATURDAY | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | | | 6.30 pm | Parish Family | |
| 14 May | SUNDAY | First Holy Communion Special Mass | | | 8.45 am | Grace Stringer | |
| | | | | 10.45 am | Don Miller | | |
| 15 May | MONDAY | | | 10.00 am | Mark Branch | | |
| 16 May | TUESDAY | | | 10.00 am | Mary Sesnan | | |
| 17 May | WEDNESDAY | | | 10.00 am | Keith, Una & Michael O'Shea | | |
| 18 May | THURSDAY | | | 10.00 am | Pope Francis | | |
| 19 May | FRIDAY | St Milburga | | 9.10 am | Bishop Gray | | |
| 20 May | SATURDAY | | | 10:00 am | Special Intention | | |
| 20 May | Next Weekend SATURDAY | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | | | 6.30 pm | Maureen Bainbridge | |
| 21 May | SUNDAY | | | 8.45 am | Parish Family | | |
| | | | | 10.45 am | Delaney Family | | |
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Feast Day: 19 May Died: 23 February AD 727 at Wenlock Priory, Shropshire

St Milburga, Abbess of Wenlock, was the daughter of King Merewald of Magonset and his wife, St Ermenburga. Milburga. She became a nun at the monastery of Wenlock (Shropshire), founded by her father and Archbishop Theodore of Canterbury, on the borders of Wales, under a French Abbess, Liobinde of Chelles. Milburga eventually succeeded her in this office. Shortly afterward, a neighbouring prince attempted to compel her to become his wife and, with that intent, pursued her with an armed force. She fled across a river, which at once rose into an impassable flood and discouraged her pursuers.

A poor widow came to her in her oratory, bringing the body of her little dead son.

Throwing herself at the feet of the abbess, she besought her to raise the child to life. "You must be mad!" exclaimed Milburga, "How can I raise your child? Go and bury him and submit to the bereavement sent to you by God!" "No," said the sorrowing mother, "I will not leave you till you give me back my son!" The abbess prayed over the little corpse and, while doing so, she suddenly appeared to the poor supplicant to be raised from the earth and surrounded by lovely flames – the living emblem of the fervour of her prayer. Within a few minutes, the child had recovered.

Milburga's monastery was destroyed by the Danes; but, in the twelfth century, it was rebuilt and inhabited by Cluniac monks.

From Agnes Dunbar's "A Dictionary of Sainly Women" (1904)



Fr Paul writes...

It has been wonderful to have had so many days of sunshine. I'm sure I am not alone in thinking it would have been nice if we didn't have to work!

Over the last few weeks we have had many funerals. Please remember to pray for those who have died along with their loved ones and friends.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is usually celebrated on a Sunday as this is the day the Lord rose from the dead. You can choose as to whether you wish to celebrate at our 10.45am Mass or at 12 noon. It is occasionally possible to celebrate this Sacrament for a sound reason, on a Saturday morning

I am very grateful to Deacon Mike who is to take responsibility for the Sacrament of Baptism. You can contact him either at weekend Masses, through the parish website or by filling in and returning a baptism form, at the back of the church. He will then be in contact with you to discuss and arrange a date. Over the summer, we will be looking at how we can prepare parents for the Baptism of their child.

This weekend we are to welcome Sr Laurice to our parish. I know you will give her a good welcome. Over the next few weeks and months I am sure we will wonder how we ever lived without her. Keep her too in your prayers that the good Lord will bless her in this new ministry.

On Friday 23 June, the feast of the Sacred Heart, Bishop Mark will be coming here to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Early in this week a letter will be sent out to those who have registered to be confirmed. We will be joining the parishes of Heswall and Pensby in preparation for this wonderful occasion in the lives of our young people. Once again please keep these young people in your prayers. If you require further information please contact Helen Jones (webmanager email below). I am very grateful to our catechists for very generously giving their time.

The Saga of the Missing Bag: Part 3 So, when the manager contacted the police she was told that they had been called to the museum early that morning. They were told that a bag had been left there overnight. As a result, the police had informed the bomb response team. The staff were told to vacate the building until all was clear! They took possession of the bag safely and promised to return it to me. As yet the bag has not arrived so I'm keeping the £20 promised to St. Anthony, to see if he has kept his side of the bargain. More news, I am sure will follow!

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EASTER IV

7 May 2017

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| 6 May | Next Weekend SATURDAY | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Collection: Mary's Meals</i> | | | 6.30 pm | Marie and Joey Whyte | |
| 7 May | SUNDAY | WORLD DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS | | | 8.45 am | Bishop Joseph Gray | |
| 8 May | MONDAY | | Funeral Mass | 12 noon | Margaret Mary Makin | | |
| 9 May | TUESDAY | | Funeral Mass | 12 noon | Joseph Michael Gallon | | |
| 10 May | WEDNESDAY | | | 10.00 am | R.S. | | |
| 11 May | THURSDAY | | Funeral Mass | 12 noon | Anastasia Corbett | | |
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**PRAYER
TO END
WORLD
HUNGER**



O God, you entrusted to us the fruits of all creation so that we might care for the earth and be nourished with its bounty.

You sent us your Son to share our very flesh and blood and to teach us your Law of Love. Through His death and resurrection, we have been formed into one human family.

Jesus showed great concern for those who had no food - even transforming five loaves and two fish into a banquet that served five thousand and many more.

We come before you, O God, conscious of our faults and failures, but full of hope, to share food with all members in this global family.

Through your wisdom, inspire leaders of government and of business, as well as all the world's citizens, to find just, and charitable solutions to end hunger by assuring that all people enjoy the right to food.

Thus we pray, O God, that when we present ourselves for Divine Judgment, we can proclaim ourselves as "One Human Family" with "Food for All".

POPE FRANCIS

Fr Paul writes...

This week has flown by. Given the funerals that were held last week it was a change to celebrate Mass for our school children on Friday morning. They are so full of joy and seemingly without a care in the world. They are a credit to the school staff along with their parents. They have an innocence which enables them to welcome the Lord into their lives.

This week we have another three funerals on Monday for **Margaret Mary Makin**, on Tuesday for **Joseph Michael Gallon** and on Thursday for **Anastasia Corbett** may they all rest in the peace of Christ. Please too keep their families and friends in your prayers. Please pray for **Nicholas Smith** who is ill at this time.

Next month Bishop Mark will be coming here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Would it be possible for us to have a meeting of the catechists on this Thursday at 7.00pm in the presbytery? This will give us the opportunity, along with the parishes in Heswall and Pensby to put the show on the road.

Part 2 - The saga of the missing bag! On my last night in Padua I prayed to St Anthony asking him to locate the bag. I also promised to give him £20 to find the bag. So, in the early morning I went back to the place where I had left it and I asked at the customer service to see if they found it. The answer was a very firm "NO"! I asked if I could speak to their boss. A lady called Maria came so see me. She spoke so fast that she sounded like a machine gun! Thankfully another member of staff came to my aid. I was told that if the bag was handed in and was not claimed by the end of the day it would be handed over to the police and a record would be kept at the customer service desk. I asked her if she would ring the police to put my mind at rest. She did and with a smile on her face, she told me that the police had the bag. She then informed me that the local police station would be closed now and would not open until Monday. I reminded her that I was leaving for England later that evening. She looked up to heaven and said she would post it on to me. So - I now have to give St Anthony £20. I wonder if he would accept a penny per week?

With my prayers for you and your families.

Fr Paul

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary's Meals: Sue Donovan will be giving a brief talk about *Mary's Meals* at each weekend Mass after which there will be a retiring collecting.

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Easter III

30 April 2017

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| 4 May | THURSDAY | The English Martyrs | 11.00 am | John O'Brien |
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| | | In School | 2.00 pm | Maureen McIlroy |
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EMMAUS
Rowan Williams

First the sun, then the shadow,
so that I screw my eyes to see
my friend's face, and its lines seem
different, and the voice shakes in the hot air.

Out of the rising white dust, feet
tread a shape, and, out of step,
another flat sound, stamped between voice
and ears, dancing in the gaps, and dodging
where words and feet do not fall.

When our eyes meet, I see bewilderment
(like mine); we cannot learn
this rhythm we are asked to walk,
and what we hear is not each other.

Between us is filled up, the silence
is filled up, lines of our hands
and faces pushed into shape
by the solid stranger, and the static
breaks up our waves like dropped stones.

So it is necessary to carry him with us,
cupped between hands and profiles,
so that the table is filled up, and as
the food is set and the first wine splashes,
a solid thumb and finger tear the thunderous
grey bread. Now it is cold, even indoors;
and the light falls sharply on our bones;
the rain breathes out hard, dust blackens,
and our released voices shine with water.



Fr Paul writes...

I have had three wonderful days in Padua - following the spiritual life of its great St Anthony. Along with me were 16 priests of our diocese, plus one deacon. I can assure you we are a motley crew but are good company. Each day we visit places associated with his life, celebrate Mass and have a lazy luncheon. For those of us who live on our own it is always good to have a meal set before you.

On Wednesday, we were taken to see the church of *Capella degli Scrovengni* to see the frescoes of artist Giotto. In truth, (as I see it) it leaves the Sistine Chapel a little in the dark!! Still I have St Winefride's church to look forward to!

It is always sad when we celebrate a funeral for one of our parish family. As you see, from the newsletter we have 3 such funerals this week. If you can come along to any of them please do. I know how your prayerful support means a lot to the families of the deceased. In truth, it helps me too.

Remember this bank holiday Monday there will be the 'late' bacon butties after Mass, along with an Italian surprise. All are welcome!

Our school is back from its Easter break. This Friday there is Mass in the school at 9.10am. If you are able to come, you know you will always be welcome.

Over the next few months we celebrate several Sacraments: Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. We always need to keep these people in our prayers. We will start to place their names in the newsletter as their day comes.

You may have noticed by the door for the car park I have placed a stand which was made by Tom McKeown and his son Sean. I know how much both of them loved this parish and have left us such things as the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. When you have a chance to look at the stand you will be able to see the carved rose heads that Sean has made. I hope you will not mind if I place the statue of St Anthony there. This will give an area for us to visit and pray. I know too our children will have the opportunity to have a good look at him. I have been told that if you lose anything, all you need do is ask the good Saint for help and promise to give an offering for the poor. Well now, this has not been my experience! while in Padua I put my bag with alb and stole on the ground for a few minutes and it was pinched! Maybe the good Saint is trying to teach me something...?!

Once again be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Fr Paul

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Music Workshop: On Sat 24 June from 10am to 4pm. Details are on the notice in the porch and the booking form is online: www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk/music or call Louise on 0151 336 1096.

CWL: Sue Donovan will be giving a brief talk about the work of the wonderful charity *Mary's Meals* at each weekend Mass on 6th 7th May. There will also be a retiring collecting for Mary's Meals after Mass. CWL are actively supporting this charity and your help would be so gratefully received.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Easter II

23 April 2017

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| 23 Apr | SUNDAY | Divine Mercy Sunday | | 8.45 am | Parish Family | | |
| 24 Apr | MONDAY | St George | | 10.45 am | Agnes Cropper | | |
| 25 Apr | TUESDAY | St Mark | | 10.00 am | Special Intention | | |
| 26 Apr | WEDNESDAY | | | 10:00 am | Mass or Service of Word and Communion | | |
| 27 Apr | THURSDAY | | | 10.00 am | | | |
| 28 Apr | FRIDAY | | | 10.00 am | | | |
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Fr Paul



Parting the Red Sea and the Church Lawn are not exactly the same!

ST GEORGE - PATRON OF ENGLAND AND CATALONIA - FEAST DAY 23 APRIL

Died: 303 Canonized by: by Pope Gelasius I



Some Interesting Facts

- Saint George stands out among other saints and legends because he is known and revered by both Muslims and Christians.
- It is said Saint George killed the dragon near the sea in Beirut, thus Saint George's Bay was named in his honour.
- Saint George's feast day is celebrated on April 23, but if it falls over Easter, it is celebrated Easter Monday.
- The Russian Orthodox Church celebrates three Saint George feast days each year - April 23 as is expected, November 3, to commemorate the consecration of a cathedral dedicated to him in Lydda, and on November 26 for when a church in Kiev was dedicated to him.
- In Bulgaria, his feast day is celebrated May 6 with the slaughter and roasting of a lamb.
- In Egypt, the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria calls St. George the "Prince of Martyrs" and celebrates on May 1. There is a second celebration November 17, in honour of the first church dedicated to him.
- Saint George is the patron saint of England and Catalonia and his cross can be found throughout England.
- In older works, Saint George is depicted wearing armour and holding a lance or fighting a dragon, which represents Christ's enemies.

Source: <http://www.catholic.org>

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Annual Art Expo: In Neston Town Hall Thursday/Friday 27/28 April 10am - 4pm and on Saturday 29 April 10am - 3.30pm; over 200 original pictures for your enjoyment from N.A.D.A.S (Neston and District Art Society) Free entry.



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EASTER WEEK

16 April 2017

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| 15 Apr | SATURDAY | EASTER SUNDAY | <i>Easter Vigil</i> | 7.30 pm | Parish Family |
| 16 Apr | SUNDAY | | | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| 17 Apr | MONDAY | | | 10.45 am | Parish Family |
| 18 Apr | TUESDAY | | | 10.00 am | Carmel O'Grady |
| 19 Apr | WEDNESDAY | | | 10:00 am | Margaret Davies |
| 20 Apr | THURSDAY | | | 10.00 am | Toney Lynnette |
| 21 Apr | FRIDAY | | | 10:00 am | Grace Stringer |
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| Gospel <i>Palm Sunday/Easter Vigil</i> | | | <i>Psalm</i> M Slater | | | |
| Readers - Intercessions | T Topping | T McGlynn | S Cheetham | F Bryne | R Pisarek | T Topping |
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HAPPY EASTER!

Alleluia! The Lord is truly Risen, Alleluia!



I just want to say many thanks for all the work and effort that has taken place over the last six weeks of Lent. But a special thank you for the cleaning and flower arranging; to the sacristans, singers, musicians and liturgy sheet producers; and to Fathers Chris and Russell and Deacon Mike. Together we have celebrated the events of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection in a fitting manner. Well, we have the next six weeks to live up to our Baptism vows as *The Children of Light and Hope*. For through these great events the Christ has grafted onto the vine of new life – life eternal. For we, and all who have followed Christ have become the adopted sons and daughters of the Father. So, we the Easter People can truly witness that he has risen and where he has gone, we are to follow. Be assured of my continual prayer for you, your family and friends.

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Fr Paul

E A S T E R H Y M N S

ENTRANCE

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name

- Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation
- Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen
- We have been crucified with Christ
Now we shall live forever
- Come let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Saviour

CREED

I believe in God the Father,
I believe in God the Son,
I believe in God the Spirit;
God is three and God is one

- God who made all there is, all of the things we see:
The earth, the sky, the land, the seas,
The flowers and the fishes, animals and trees.
All of the things we see, God you made them, even me.
- Jesus for born for us, Jesus God's only son.
He was crucified, on the cross he died,
But then he rose again, ascended into heav'n.
Jesus, God's only son, you will judge us, ev'ry one.
- And I believe in you, Spirit of God the Lord,
Who speaks God's Word through holy people.
Spirit of the Father, Spirit of the Son,
Spirit of God the Lord, give us life that makes us one.
- And I believe in one Church, filled with the saints of God,
That God forgives us all our sins
And we will rise again and live for evermore.
God I believe in you: Father, Son, and Spirit, one.

OFFERTORY

- All that I am, all that I do
All that I ever have
I offer now to you

Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour Lord
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward
All that I am, all that I do
All that I ever have
I offer now to you

- All that I dream
All that I pray
All that I ever make
I give to you today.

COMMUNION

- O bread of heaven, beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal:
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail!
I love thee and, adoring, kneel;
Each loving soul by thee is fed
With thine own self in form of bread.
- O food of life, thou who dost give
The pledge of immortality;
I live, no 'tis not I that live;
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, he guides my ways,
And every grief with joy repays.
- O bond of love that dost unite
The servant to his living Lord;
Could I dare live and not requite
Such love - then death were meet reward:
I cannot live unless to prove
Some love for such unmeasured love.
- Belovèd Lord, in heaven above
There, Jesus, thou awaitest me,
To gaze on thee with changeless love;
Yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:
For how can he deny me heaven,
Who here on earth himself hath given?

RECESSIONAL

- Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!
- Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!
- But the pains that he endured, alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, alleluia!





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Lent V

2 April 2017

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| 1 Apr | SATURDAY | 5 th Sunday of Lent | 6.30 pm | Thanksgiving |
| 2 Apr | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Stephen Turley |
| | | | 10.45 am | Margaret Povey |
| 3 Apr | MONDAY | House Mass | 10.00 am | S Tully |
| | | | 7:00 pm | House Mass intention |
| 4 Apr | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Mitchell Family |
| 5 Apr | WEDNESDAY | | 10:00 am | Josie Carr |
| | | | 7:00 pm | For the work of CAFOD |
| 6 Apr | THURSDAY | | 10.00 am | Thomas Sargent |
| 7 Apr | FRIDAY | Stations of the Cross | 10.00 am | Service of Word and Eucharist |
| | | | 7.00 pm | Clergy |
| 8 Apr | SATURDAY | | 10:00 am | Service of Word and Eucharist |
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LENT 2017

"Return to me, with all your heart..." Joel 2:12

House Masses: Monday and Thursday evenings by arrangement with Fr Paul.

Lent Soup Lunches: Tuesdays: noon – 1:30pm in the Hall.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays: 7pm, 7 Apr - Clergy.

Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Before all weekend Masses.

We shall say the following prayer together as we meditate on two of the Stations of the Cross each week, as our Penitential Rite at Mass.

(Fr Paul) We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

(All) Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

I love you, Jesus, my love above all things. I repent with my whole heart for having offended you. Never let me separate myself from you again, and grant that I may love you always. Then do with me what you will.

Fr Paul writes...

It is hard to believe that we are journeying into the 5th week of Lent. I'm finding that when I get to Wednesday the weekend comes rolling in. So when I feel this rush to life I try as hard as I can to find a little space to spend with the Lord. One of the most helpful ways I find this space is to sit down with a cup of tea – drink it slowly, close my eyes and call on the Lord's name. This only takes a few minutes. This helps me to keep in contact with the 'work of the Lord' as opposed to the lord of work. You may like to try this for yourself taking a little time walking with Jesus to the events of his Passion, Death and Rising.

On Tuesday evening, there is an **LPA service of reconciliation** at **Holy Family Pensby starting at 7.00pm**. Here we have an opportunity with our neighbouring parishes to come together for healing and forgiveness.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday I hope to have enough palms for you all. At our 10.45am Mass we will gather outside the church for the blessing of palms and walk, while singing, in remembrance of the Lord Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. **In the afternoon at 2.00pm** in our church, **we will have a second opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. At this service our children, who are preparing for Holy Communion, will receive the Sacrament of Forgiveness for the first time. Please come along if you can.

At a request from Bishop Mark and several parishioners I'm trying to introduce the possibility Holy Communion in the elements of bread and wine over our weekend Masses. The trial will start this Sunday at our 8.45am Mass. Once we have ironed out and tweaked some little problems, we will offer this to the other Masses. Some of you will have noticed that we have had to move and re-locate some of the benches to make safe movement around the church possible. The method that will be used is very simple and I'm sure we will be able to manage it successfully. I would be grateful if you could give me a little latitude in this matter - as always, positive suggestions are always welcome.

The practicalities are as follows.

All who wish to come for Holy Communion or a blessing are to come up the main aisle, starting from the front in twos. After receiving the Host or a blessing you are to move to the left where you can, if you wish, receive the chalice then return to your seat via the left-hand side aisles. For those who are unable to come up for Communion the priest will come to you along with our Deacon or Minister of the Eucharist with the chalice. I really hope this does not cause too much fuss. So, let us all give it a go.

Soup and Sandwiches on Tuesdays from 12.00 to 1.30pm is going down a treat. **I am wondering if you would like to continue this after Easter.** If so, we will need a rota of soup and butty makers. **ALL OF THEM ARE WELCOME**, especially the MEN. There is no cost for the meal but there is a donations box if you would like to put something in. If you would like to become a member of the rota, please pass on your details to Fr Paul. Please pray for our children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Sunday for the first time.

Once again be assured of my prayers for you, your family and friends.

Fr Paul

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Forgiveness and Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation: Our parents' meetings will be on Mondays at 6pm in the Parish Hall on 3 April and 8 May. Our special Masses will be on Sundays at 10:45am on 9 April and 14 May. First Forgiveness is part of our Parish Lenten Reconciliation on Palm Sunday at 2pm. First Holy Communion Mass is on Sat 17 June, 10am.

Confirmation: Please register your interest (Year 8 and above) by completing a registration form - online or in the car park porch. Preparation will begin after Easter and the Sacrament will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at St Winefride's on Friday 23 June.

Piety Stall: Easter Cards, First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards in stock at the stall in the Church Hall after each Sunday Mass and in the back porch of the church at all times.

Gardeners: Volunteers needed to help maintain the graveyard. Especially stronger persons warmly welcome to help with strimming! Please contact Fr Paul, Dave McNulty (336 1959) or Eric Wallace (07738011745).

Food bank: Can you help? Tinned vegetables are in short supply e.g. carrots, green beans, broad beans etc would be most welcome.

HOLY WEEK 2017

PALM SUNDAY 10 April

Penitential Service 2pm

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 12 April

Mass of Chrism 7pm

St Michael & All Angels, New Hey, Woodchurch, Birkenhead, CH49 5LE*
Celebrating the Triduum 7pm (Parish Hall)

MAUNDY THURSDAY 13 April

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
 Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY 14 April

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY 15 April

Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Refreshments after Mass

EASTER SUNDAY 16 April

8:45am; 10:45am

EASTER MONDAY 17 April

10:00am

Bacon Butties after Mass

**NB change of venue*

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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ORDINARY TIME XXV

24 September 2017

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| 23 Sep | SATURDAY | | 6.30 pm | Parish Family |
| 24 Sep | SUNDAY | 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST</i> | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Health: Robert Evans RIP Eugene Ryan |
| 25 Sep | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 26 Sep | TUESDAY | <i>Ss Cosmas and Damian</i> | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 27 Sep | WEDNESDAY | <i>St Vincent de Paul</i> Requiem Mass | 11.00 am | Peter McNamara |
| 28 Sep | THURSDAY | <i>St Wenceslaus; Ss Lawrence Ruiz, & Comps</i> | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 29 Sep | FRIDAY | <i>Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael</i> | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 30 Sep | SATURDAY | <i>St Jerome</i> Wedding | 10.00 am 1:00 pm | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist Bethan Hughes & Luke Ollerhead |
| 30 Sep | Next Weekend SATURDAY | 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Second Collection - SVP | 6.30 pm | Parish Family |
| 1 Oct | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Health: Geoff Wylie RIP: Doris Burns |

Weekdays: Adoration from 9.00am; Morning Prayer 9:40am; Rosary following 10.00am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm

RIP: Peter McNamara

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Second Collection: The second collection next weekend is to support the many activities of the SVP. Thanks for being generous with your time and money and please keep the needy in your prayers to help us continue our mission.

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Red Boxes: Could all those with red boxes kindly hand them into the Parish Office, the boxes need to be counted due to the old pound coins ceasing to be legal tender on 5th October. Please take a new red box to replace the old one. Many thanks from the Missio team.

EUCUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's World Day of Prayer: We currently require a WWDP rep for St Winefride's. We thank Veronica who has represented St Winefride's for many years and we would like to recruit a new rep. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Veronica Cuthbert on 0151 6776278.

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Annual Diocesan Mass: Celebrating the vocation of grandparents will be held at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday 14 October at 11am.

ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually'): Our annual retreat is taking place from Fri 20 Oct (pm) until after lunch Sun 22 Oct 2017. If you are aged between 20 – 35 you will be very welcome. Canon David Roberts will lead the retreat which will take place at St Winefride's, Holywell (N. Wales). Payment will be by anonymous donation (suggested cost £100). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright at siobhanbc@gmail.com / 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947.

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The Joseph Family

comprising of mum, dad and two daughters

As most of you will know, we have been supporting the Joseph Family in their attempts to move from being asylum seekers to have residency here in the UK.

They had to flee from punishment and death threats simply because that are Catholics.

This family comes from Northern India where the life of a Christian is under daily threats, on one occasion having one of their daughters kidnapped. The main protagonists have been an extremist group of the Sikh Community. This community will not accept Christianity in any form. You may ask, as I did, why did they not move to the large Catholic community in South India? The simple answer to this is Northern Indians do not accept anyone into their communities and vice a versa Southern Indians in the North.

Over the last 12 months they have made several attempts to apply for residency- yet every attempt has been turned down.

The family made a recent application. This, once again, has been turned down. They were ordered to move out of their house, and would be only given one more week's benefit of £88.00. Their only way forward was to apply for Judicial Review.

All of these applications for legal status cost money. Given that they only receive £80 per week for living expenses and are not allowed to work, the parish along with our SVP, have been helping to fund their recent applications. For them to place a Judicial Review is £650. This I have paid out of parish funds.

I am also aware that a number of parishioners have offered some practical help.

By making this application we have put a stop to their eviction and restored the small allowance of £80. This will give us some time to involve our local Councillors and Member of Parliament.

In the meantime, all I ask, on their behalf, is to pray for a positive Judicial Review. When you see the family be encouraging and assure them of your personal and prayerful support.

With my prayers,
Fr Paul



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ORDINARY TIME XXIV

17 September 2017

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| 16 Sep | SATURDAY | 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Collection: Home Mission</i> | 6.30 pm | Special Intention |
| 17 Sep | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | B'day: William (Bill) Hannaway |
| | | | 10.45 am | B'day: Dorothy Barber |
| | | | 12 noon | Olivia Isabella Snagg |
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| 19 Sep | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 20 Sep | WEDNESDAY | <i>Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions</i> | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 21 Sep | THURSDAY | <i>St Matthew</i> | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 22 Sep | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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A note from Fr Chris: I would like to thank you all for your prayerful support for Cardinal Cormac and myself at this time of sadness. Wednesday's funeral was a wonderful celebration of a man who dedicated his whole life to the service of the Gospel, as priest and bishop, may he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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HOME MISSION

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we can pray that the people we carry in our hearts will encounter him for themselves. Prayer cards and prayer maps for families are available or can be ordered from www.homemission.org.uk. If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a regular basis, please sign up to our newsletter through our website www.homemission.org.uk.

Please consider contributing to today's second collection. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate>.

WISH YOU WERE HERE

In that first moment, when you settle into your seat, waiting for Mass to begin, who is it that you think of? Who is it that you wish were sitting beside you?

After my mother died, it was difficult to come to Church without welling up in tears as I wished she were there. Then one day I asked God to show me that she was with Him, and experienced a sense of peace.

Now my heart aches for those I care about who have stopped coming to Church. Perhaps they have drifted away or something has turned them away. Whatever the situation, I miss them and wish they were here.

In today's readings we are taken straight to the heart of the matter as we are asked to forgive those who have hurt us and to show mercy if we hope to receive it. This sentiment is as powerful as it is challenging. Whether thinking of an individual or a group of people who have offended us in some way, if we are able to show loving mercy rather than judgement, we open the door for them to turn towards Jesus. How? It all begins with a smile, a welcome, and prayer that we be released from the pain within. Then in going beyond ourselves, we step into Christ and do what may have seemed impossible – we forgive and are forgiven.

Teresa Carvalho
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ORDINARY TIME XXIII

10 September 2017

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| 9 Sep | SATURDAY | | 6.30 pm | Special Intention |
| 10 Sep | SUNDAY | 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Parish Family + Cardinal Cormac |
| 11 Sep | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 12 Sep | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | TG: M & G Davies |
| 13 Sep | WEDNESDAY | <i>St John Chrysostom</i> | 10.00 am | + Cardinal Cormac and TG: Fr Chris |
| 14 Sep | THURSDAY | <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> | 10.00 am | + Bishop Tickle |
| 15 Sep | FRIDAY | <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> <i>In school</i> | 9:10 am | St Winefride's pupils and staff |
| | | <i>Wedding</i> | 1:00 pm | Charlotte Cooke & Stephen Dixon |
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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POPE FRANCIS' TELEGRAM TO CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS, ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER

Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop Emeritus of Westminster, I hasten to offer my heartfelt condolences to you and to the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese. Recalling with immense gratitude the late Cardinal's distinguished service to the Church in England and Wales, his unwavering devotion to the preaching of the Gospel and the care of the poor, and his far-sighted commitment to the advancement of ecumenical and interreligious understanding, I willingly join you in commending his noble soul to the infinite mercies of God our heavenly Father. To all who mourn his passing in the sure hope of the Resurrection I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of consolation and strength in the Lord.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Please keep Fr Chris in your prayers as he and Bishop Mark make their way to the Cardinal's funeral on Wednesday at 12 noon. Our 10am Mass on Wednesday will be offered both for the Cardinal and Fr Chris.





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ORDINARY TIME XXII

3 September 2017

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|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Sep | SATURDAY | 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | Parish Family | | | |
| 3 Sep | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Paul Docherty | | | |
| | | | 10.45 am | Ron & Maureen Jones' Wedding Anniversary | | | |
| 4 Sep | MONDAY | <i>St Cuthbert</i> | 10.00 am | Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor | | | |
| 5 Sep | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Rachael (Healing) | | | |
| 6 Sep | WEDNESDAY | | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and Eucharist | | | |
| 7 Sep | THURSDAY | | 10.00 am | Dot and Jack Roper | | | |
| 8 Sep | FRIDAY | <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 10.00 am | Special Birthday Intention | | | |
| 9 Sep | SATURDAY | | 10.00 am | Special Intention | | | |
| 9 Sep | <i>Next Weekend</i> SATURDAY | 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | 65 th Wedding Anniversary | | | |
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| | | | 10.45 am | Cardinal Cormac | | | |
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Little Church/Teas: A copy of the new rota for Little Church and Teas is now available online and in the Sacristy.

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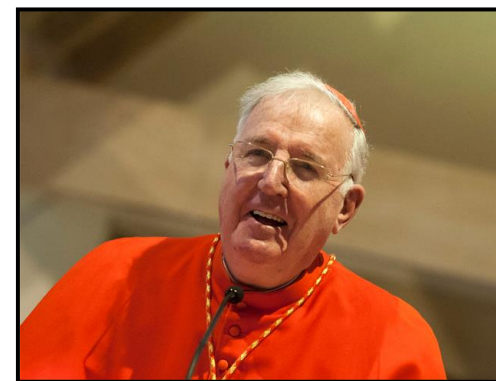
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We pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor who died on 1 September 2017, surrounded by his family and friends. We especially remember with gratitude his presence at Fr Chris' Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on 10 July 2015 and his celebration of Sunday Mass with us on 12 July 2015.

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the soul of your departed servant Cardinal Cormac, to whom you committed the care of your family, may, with the manifold fruit of his labours, enter into the eternal gladness of his Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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ORDINARY TIME XXI

27 August 2017

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| 27 Aug | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Parish Family | | |
| 28 Aug | MONDAY | <i>St Augustine</i> | 10.00 am | Special Intention | | |
| 29 Aug | TUESDAY | <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i> | 10.00 am | Our Parish School | | |
| 30 Aug | WEDNESDAY | <i>Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward</i> | 10.00 am | Mass or Service of Word and Eucharist | | |
| 31 Aug | THURSDAY | <i>St Aidan, Bishop, and Saints of Lindisfarne</i> | 10.00 am | Priest's Intention | | |
| 1 Sep | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | Special Intention | | |
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Thank you: Margaret and Geoff wish to express their sincere thanks to all the parish for their wonderful support and prayers throughout their recent ill health.

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CONGRATULATIONS to all those who received examination results in the past weeks. May your hard work have paid off and as you make decisions for the next weeks, months and years ahead, we keep you in our prayers.

God our Father,
You have a plan for each one of us,
You hold out to us a future full of hope.
Give us the wisdom of your Spirit
So that we can see the shape
Of your plan in the gifts
You have given us,
And in the circumstances
Of our daily lives.
Give us the freedom of your Spirit,
To seek you with all our hearts,
And to choose Your Will above all else.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

W E W E L C O M E

Lexi Jayne Boyd
Logan Dawson Boyd
Isabella Rose Peet
George Steven Battle

who have been recently baptised at
St Winefride's

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

to
Megan Dickinson &
Christian Dodd

who were married at St Winefride's
on Saturday



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ORDINARY TIME XVI

23 July 2017

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| 22 July | SATURDAY | 16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | Parish Family |
| 23 July | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Special Intention |
| 24 July | MONDAY | Leaver's Mass – ALL WELCOME | 10.45 am | Thanksgiving |
| 25 July | TUESDAY | St James | 9:10 am | Year 6 Leavers |
| 26 July | WEDNESDAY | Ss Joachim and Anne | 10.00 am | Fr Chris' Intentions |
| 27 July | THURSDAY | | 10.00 am | Service of Word and Eucharist |
| 28 July | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | Margaret & Geoff Davies Intentions |
| 29 July | SATURDAY | St Martha | 10.00 am | Special Intention |
| 29 July | SATURDAY | 17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 10.00 am | Service of Word and Eucharist |
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Pastoral and Finance Group: Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9 August at 7:30pm in the presbytery.

Food Bank: Can you help with donations of tinned and dried items? School holiday time makes for more need for the Food Bank.

SPUC: Our group are taking over the teas/coffees for the summer and from next week we will also be having a raffle and a bring and buy, all contributions gratefully received. Date for your diary, Friday 13 October the return of the fabulous local singer Susan Hedges, tickets on sale from early September.

FEASTS AND HOLY DAYS IN AUGUST

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| 6 Sun | The Transfiguration (Feast) |
| 9 Wed | St Teresa Benedicta (Feast) |
| 10 Thu | St Lawrence (Feast) |
| 15 Tue | The Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| 24 Thu | St Bartholomew (Feast) |

Fr Paul writes:

The days race ahead and our school will close on Tuesday for the summer holidays. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank the staff of our school, but especially Dawn Ormes, our Headteacher. Dawn has given her heart and soul to the benefit of our school and is a woman who is very conscious of been called to the vocation of teacher. Everyone who comes into our school is touched by her warmth of welcome and the school itself exudes its Mission Statement of being 'a dwelling place of God.' May all the members of the school staff have a well-earned rest and may all our children enjoy the break and most of all keep safe. For our parents remember it will soon be September (!) but do take time to enjoy having the children around during the holidays.

OUR MISSION TOGETHER



Many thanks for your patience and understanding as I spoke about the Bishop's new financial initiative in preparing a pathway for the Diocese in the years to come. From next week I will begin to meet with members of the parish family who would like to take this initiative forward. If you feel you would like to help please give me your name and telephone number and I will contact you. I have decided to repeat the information in last week's newsletter to help in making your decision. I ask for your prayers for the next few weeks as I try to do this work on behalf of the Bishop and Diocese.

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Fr Paul

St Winefride's Primary School – 200 Club Announcement: Due to a change in committee members we have been unable to carry out the 200 Club draw since Christmas – a 'Mega Draw' took place at Achievement assembly with the following winners: £50 winners are: *K Lightfoot, P Gomm, M Ferguson (x2), A Van Opstal, P Valkenberg, I Green, R Cassidy, J Povey, D Gore, K Roberts, J Thompson* and £100 to *G Rhone*. Congratulations to our lucky winners - someone from the committee will contact you.

The 200 club is part of the Parents' Association at St Winefride's Primary School and is a key fundraiser. Any money raised that is not given out in prize money goes back to the school for various projects. We still have numbers available, so look out for new application forms in September.

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16 July 2017

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| 16 July | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Special Intention |
| 17 July | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | Joan Burke |
| 18 July | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Service of Word and Eucharist |
| 19 July | WEDNESDAY | St John Plessington | 10.00 am | Service of Word and Eucharist |
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DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Syria Exhibition: Organised by the Aid to the Church in Need (CAN) in Shrewsbury Cathedral from 14 - 16 July 2107. See posters for details.

ST JOHN PLESSINGTON FEAST DAY 19 JULY

**ST JOHN PLESSINGTON:
P R A Y F O R U S**



Fr Paul writes:

The days of the week seem to be going faster and faster. Over the last week I've been able to do some more house visits. I always come away feeling uplifted by the many saints who find themselves confined to their homes. Please do remember them in your prayers. I know that they are praying for our parish community.



O U R M I S S I O N T O G E T H E R

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M I S S I O N P R A Y E R F O R O U R P A R I S H

Loving Father,
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to be your people in this place,
to be your Church in our community,
to be instruments of peace, forgiveness and love.
Help us grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all our blessings.
Instil in us a deep sense of generosity
so that we are willing to share our gifts, our talents, our time and our resources.
Help us face whatever the future holds and to make new beginnings in your name.
We ask this through your son Jesus Christ Our Lord,
Amen.



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ORDINARY TIME XIV

9 July 2017

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| 8 July | SATURDAY | 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | Parish Family |
| 9 July | SUNDAY | DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS | 8.45 am | Special Intention |
| 10 July | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | Canon Bob Fallon |
| 11 July | TUESDAY | <i>St Benedict</i> | 10.00 am | Patricia McLaughlin |
| 12 July | WEDNESDAY | | 10.00 am | Anastasia Corbett |
| 13 July | THURSDAY | <i>Funeral Mass</i> | 12 noon | Agnes Graham |
| 14 July | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | Joan and Leo Burke |
| 15 July | SATURDAY | <i>St Bonaventure</i> | 10.00 am | TG: Ellie Finn 100 th birthday |
| 15 July | <i>Next Weekend</i> SATURDAY | 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | Special Intention |
| 16 July | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| | | | 10.45 am | Thanksgiving |

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Food Bank: Can you help with donations of tinned and dried items? School holiday time makes for more need for the Food Bank.

CWL: Meeting next Thursday 13 July at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. Come and enjoy a "Quiz and Pimms" evening. All are welcome. The Luxury Hamper Raffle at the Village Fair raised £180:80 in aid of St John's Hospice.

Choir: We are having a rehearsal break during July and August and will resume our regular practices again in September. We would love to welcome any new members!

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Syria Exhibition: Organised by the Aid to the Church in Need (CAN) in Shrewsbury Cathedral from 14 - 16 July 2107. See posters for details.

Fr Paul writes:

On Thursday at 12. noon we will celebrate the funeral Mass for **Agnes Graham**. Please keep Arthur and his family in your prayers.

There must be something in the air in Neston. Last week we celebrated 100 birthday of **ELLIE FINN**. Eileen as joined a select group of parishioners aged 100+. It was wonderful to see her surrounded by her family and many friends. She not only received a card from The Queen along with a card from the Department of Work and Pensions, but also a special blessing from Pope Francis. I'm sure a good day was had by all.

Over the last three months, at our 8.45am Mass, we have been giving parishioners the option of receiving Holy Communion under both forms of bread and wine. In two weeks' time, I will be introducing Holy Communion under both forms at our 10.45am Sunday Mass. Next weekend I will offer some instructions as to how this will work. This will take a few months to settle in so let us approach this opportunity to fulfil the Lord's invitation to 'Take and eat for this is my body broken for you. Take and drink this cup for the of my Blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.'

Congratulations to **Victoria Gibbons and William Rogers** who were married here on Saturday afternoon.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Fr Paul

P R A Y E R S F O R S E A S U N D A Y

Creator and Father of all, we pray for those who go down to the sea in ships and on whom we depend. Bless them and those who long for their safe return and bring us all to your kingdom, where there is no sorrow, no tears, but joy and life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord God, of the universe, the fertile land, the swarming sea, bless those who leave their families and friends to sail the seas in dangerous and lonely conditions to make a living and to bring us the things we depend on. May they be given courage when they are in danger; friendship when they are lonely; strength when they are weary; and hope when they feel discouraged, so that they may return to loved ones with the knowledge of a good job done. Give them faith when they doubt, hope when they despair, and the joy of home-coming through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, you sent your Holy Spirit to guide and give courage to the saints of old as they crossed hostile seas carrying the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank you that you brought them safely to land, enabling them to preach the good news of your kingdom. Guide us today with the same Spirit, as we journey through the troubled waters of our lives - when battered, by the winds of doubt and change, strengthen our resolve and purpose, so that standing firm on the rock of our faith we may ever feel your presence with us on our pilgrimage to that distant shore which is our heavenly home. Amen.



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ORDINARY TIME XIII

2 July 2017

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| 1 July | SATURDAY | 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | Special Intention |
| 2 July | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am | Parish Family |
| 3 July | MONDAY | <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i> | 10.00 am | Joan Burke |
| 4 July | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Agnes Graham |
| 5 July | WEDNESDAY | | 10.00 am | Patrick McLaughlin |
| 6 July | THURSDAY | | 10.00 am | Bishop Mark's Intentions |
| 7 July | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | Holy Mass/Service of Word & Eucharist |
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Part Time PA Post for Caritas – required to work 28 hours per week for the Chief Executive in Caritas Head Office, Wirral. Please contact 0151 6521281 or email anne.smith@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk for an application pack.

OUR MISSION TOGETHER
 Fulfilling Our Catholic Commitment

Parish Census: As requested by Bishop Mark:
 Many thanks to those who have completed the Parish Census. If you have not yet updated your details, please ask Fr Paul or Deacon Mike for a census card.

Fr Paul writes:

Our second reading at Mass this weekend lays open for us St Paul's vision of our nature and what it is to be 'Baptised into Christ.' Despite our common understanding that the 'Life of Baptism' takes place when we die to this life, this is only half the picture. When we were or are to be baptised, we, as St Paul tells us, "go into the tomb with Christ". So, from the day of our baptism, we are anointed by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. This 'new life' starts the day when we become a brother or sister of the Lord Jesus.

Through every moment of our life we are called by Jesus to be a witness to others of the Passion, Death and Resurrection. So, the life we live is an invitation to follow the Lord. Many times, the pilgrim road of our life can feel dry and barren. Our prayer life is disturbed. We even ask, "Where is the Lord?" I believe that these times in our lives can be great moments of growth. The one whom we are called to give witness to has experienced many moments like this. From being let down by his closest friends to the feeling of utter abandonment of the Cross and crying out to his Father, "My God why have you forsaken me?"

Yet in our moment of darkness, we too can find ourselves under the shadow of the Cross. It is the very Cross that is traced on our foreheads, at the start of the rite of baptism, that turns into an ever-abiding sign of hope. As this action is done by the parents and Godparents the ministers says, "I claim you for Christ". St Paul's letter to us today should help to lift our hearts and focus on the one who has paid the price for sin and death. Who has offered each of us all lasting reconciliation so that we can celebrate with the Lord and our fellow pilgrims the risen life we lead to day.

Please keep our school in your prayers as they will be having their RE inspection this week. Be assured of my prayers and remembrance at Holy Mass.

Fr Paul

A SONNET TO SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Feast Day - July 3

"We do not know... how can we know the way?"
Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.
Because He loved your awkward counter-point
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Malcolm Guite



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17 December 2017

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| 16 Dec | SATURDAY | | 6.30 pm | Maureen Bainbridge | |
| 17 Dec | SUNDAY | 3rd Sunday of Advent <i>Anointing of the Sick</i> | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Parish Family Larry Duggan | |
| 18 Dec | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | Pope Francis | |
| 19 Dec | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Special Intention | |
| 20 Dec | WEDNESDAY | | 10.00 am | Int HJ | |
| 21 Dec | THURSDAY | <i>St Peter Canis</i> <i>In school</i> | 9.10 am | Children of St Winefride's | |
| 22 Dec | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | Bishop Gray | |
| 23 Dec | SATURDAY | <i>St John of Kanty</i> | No 10am Mass or Service | | |
| | Next Weekend SATURDAY | 4th Sunday of Advent | 6.30 pm | Michael Halley | |
| 23 Dec | | | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Parish Family Winifred Topping | |
| 24 Dec | SUNDAY | Christmas Eve Vigil Mass First Mass of Christmas | 6:30 pm 11:30pm | Parish Family Parish Family | |
| 25 Dec | MONDAY | Christmas Day | 8:45am 10:45am | Parish Family Parish Family | |
| 26 Dec | TUESDAY | <i>St Stephen</i> | 12noon | Int Suzie Higgins, David Popplewell and Family | |
| Weekdays: Adoration from 9.00am; Morning Prayer 9:40am; Rosary following 10.00am Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm | | | | | |
| | 16/17 December | | | 23/24 December | |
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| Readers - Intercessions | P Flanagan | AM Millar | J Braidwood | M Green | Larty Family Jones Family |
| EMHC | D Davies K Powell C Haines J Gordon | K Garrod K Hughes | M Slater J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber | M Branch J Gordon D Davies K Powell | M Davies S Ety D Pover K Holden G Barber T Topping |
| Counters | Andrea, Wyn and Maria | | | Dee and Steve | |
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| Christmas Day Counters: Paulo, Tony and Rick | | | | | |
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EMHC and Reader Rotas: These are now available online and in the Sacristy to reflect the additional Ministers.

CWL: Charity Raffle tickets on sale this weekend 16/17 December. Draw on Sunday 17 December after the 10.45am Mass in the hall.

Next Newsletter: will be weekend of 6/7 January 2018. Mass intentions will be on the notice boards. Mass times are on the Christmas Mass Times leaflets, on the noticeboards and online

Choir Practice: Please note the change of day for our final choir practice before Christmas, Tuesday 19 December at 7pm in church.

Christmas Reflections: Tony Topping's latest booklet is available in the porches for you to take.

Neston Community Christmas Dinner: Founded in 2015, they provide a Christmas dinner for anyone on their own on Christmas Day. Transport is also available. For further information, please phone 0151 3361468 or visit www.communityxmasdinner.co.uk

Father Paul writes...

I don't know about you, but the days leading to the Festival of Christmas are getting faster and faster. Last week I went along to see the infants' nativity play. This not only put a smile on my face, but an odd tear or two. It was like a journey through my life, taking me back to being a little king. The children, once again, opened a spirit of mystery which is deep within us all. My thanks to all the staff for squeezing out every drop of energy they have, in bringing such a story to life.

Sacrament of the Sick. At all our Masses this weekend, I will be offering an anointing for healing and reconciliation. This anointing will take place after the homily.

On Monday at 6.00pm we are invited, by the older members of our school, to join them as they too place before us, their insight into the Christmas Story. I've seen a little preview, and I cannot wait for the full production. Please do come, but come early to get a seat! In advance, of this production, I would thank the staff of the school for bringing this together.

On Thursday at 9.10am we are invited to the end of term celebration of Mass. How excited the children are going to be! Please come along and join them, and through them, be drawn in to the incident of the birth of the Lord Jesus.

Poinsettia Week. In helping with the decorating of our church for Christmas If you could give us you are able to give the 'Flower Ladies' a Poinsettia to enhance the wonderful work these ladies do.

If you are coming to the first Vigil Mass of Christmas at 6.30pm I am looking for a few helpers to look after the refreshments taking place in the hall at the end of Mass. If you can help, I would be very grateful. But don't worry all the refreshments are pre-made - well I've got to find something to fill in



I began by saying how our days seem to go faster and faster. So, over the next few days 'try' just to find five minutes to yourself. You deserve it. With my prayer for you and your families.

ST WINEFRIDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week parents, grandparents, friends and family enjoyed watching the nativity play performed by children from reception class, year 1 and year 2. Everyone agreed that the children were wonderful.

The story was told from the point of view of the people following the bright new star to the stable in Bethlehem where they found the baby Jesus. There was some fantastic acting, lots of singing, great dancing and even some children playing musical instruments. Well done to all the children involved and thank you to all the teachers and staff who worked so hard in preparing the children for the stage!



CANDLE SONG

At the 10:45 am Mass, as the advent candle is lit we will sing our Candle Song as we have for the past years, please do join in.



1. Like a candle flame
Flickering small in our darkness
Uncreated light
Shines through infant eyes

*God is with us, alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia
Alleluia!*

2. Stars and angels sing
Yet the earth sleeps in shadows
Can this tiny spark
Set a world on fire?

3. Yet his light shall shine
From our lives, Spirit blazing
As we touch the flame
Of his holy fire

G A U D A T E ! R E J O I C E !



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10 December 2017

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| 9 Dec | SATURDAY | | 6.30 pm | RIP Stella Donegan | | | |
| 10 Dec | SUNDAY | 2nd Sunday of Advent Bible Sunday | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Geoff Wylie Hugh Schofield | | | |
| 11 Dec | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | Eileen Perryman | | | |
| 12 Dec | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Special Intention | | | |
| 13 Dec | WEDNESDAY | <i>St Lucy</i> | 10.00 am | Mary White | | | |
| 14 Dec | THURSDAY | <i>St John of the Cross</i> | 10.00 am | Health: Special Intention | | | |
| 15 Dec | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | Service of Word and Eucharist | | | |
| 16 Dec | SATURDAY | | 10.00 am | Service of Word and Eucharist | | | |
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Shoe boxes: Thank you to all who contributed to the shoe boxes, 48 were filled and sent to TEAMS4U. These will be sent for children in Eastern Europe.

SPUC: Tuesday 12 December is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Unborn) we will be having a short pro-life service after morning Mass which will be followed by seasonal refreshments in the Church Hall. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. (PS We will be taking over from the SVP for this week only).

Meeting Tuesday 12 December in the Church Hall 7 30pm. All are welcome

St Winefride's School: From the Chair of Governors - The Parents Association of St Winefride's would like to thank all those who supported the School's Christmas Fair which was held last Friday.

The school is now looking forward to the nativity performances next week which will be performed by children from reception, year 1 and year 2. The older children are currently rehearsing for their carol service, to be held in the last week of term.

Fr Paul writes...

As I write the carpark is covered in snow. And with our Christmas lights sparkling we begin our second week of the Season of Advent. I don't know where the past week has gone. The 'rush' to Christmas seems to go faster and faster. On Wednesday our SVP invited myself and Sr Laurice to have lunch with some of our senior parishioners. The food was very good. Yet it was the food of companionship that blessed the day. It was wonderful for our VIPs to have a chance to catch up, face to face with their friends. There was great laughter, good chatter and wonderful singing. I even got to sing with my 'too girlfriends' in a song about a hole in my bucket... Many thanks to the SVP and fellow helpers who brought our VIP'S to and from this wonderful afternoon.

On Thursday night Sr Laurice and myself went to the Parish Christmas meal in our local Greek restaurant. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners of all ages. Again, there was great good conversation and singing. Many thanks to Tony for all his hard work. We wish Tony well, as he has gone to Germany to meet his twin grandchildren, both of whom are boys, for the first time.

Many thanks for your cooperation as we introduced Holy Communion in the form of bread and wine for the first time at Sunday Mass. I'm sure, in a few months, we will feel that we have always revived Holy Communion in such a manner. Once again thank you.

Date for Diary: Our LPA **Reconciliation Service** which takes place this week on **Wednesday 13 December at 7pm in Our Lady and St John's Heswall. All are welcome.**

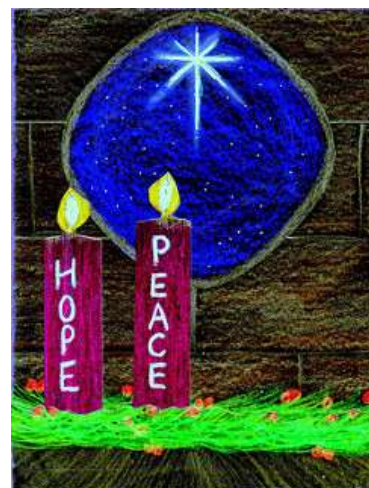
Next weekend I will be offering the sacrament of anointing of the sick at all our Masses. This will be an opportunity to come before the Lord and seek healing from sickness and from the sickness of sin.

As you leave church today you will be handed a leaflet with Christmas Service times 2017-2018. There is one change in timing. **Midnight Mass will start at 11.30pm.** Many thanks to Santa's men who have placed the Christmas lights all around the building. I thank them too for the decorating inside of the church. I think you will agree that the Christmas tree looks wonderful.

Many thanks for the collection for our **Church Students Fund.** We raised **£594.91** I have passed this onto the Diocese.

Have a good week, stay warm and be careful not to slip! With my prayers,

Fr Paul



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3 December 2017

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| 2 Dec | SATURDAY | 1 st Sunday of Advent | 6.30 pm | Parish Family | |
| 3 Dec | SUNDAY | DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Geoff Wylie Hugh Schofield | |
| 4 Dec | MONDAY | St John Damascene | 10.00 am | Service of Word and Eucharist | |
| 5 Dec | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Una and Michael O'Shea | |
| 6 Dec | WEDNESDAY | St Nicholas | 10.00 am | Geoff Wylie | |
| 7 Dec | THURSDAY | St Ambrose | 10.00 am | Service of Word and Eucharist | |
| 8 Dec | FRIDAY | Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 10.00 am | RIP: Mary White | |
| 9 Dec | SATURDAY | St John Diego Cuahltlatzin | 10.00 am | Glyn Shone | |
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| 10 Dec | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am 10.45 am | For a Grandchild Fr Paul's Intention | |
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Fr Paul writes...

This weekend we celebrate the start of the Season of Advent. Here we have an opportunity to 'Stand awake and be ready' for the Lord is coming. At Mass you will notice our Advent wreath. Each week another candle will be lit. This light will help us safely journey to the anniversary of the Lord's birth. As you come into the church you will notice that the BLESSED SACRAMENT is on the altar. It is here that we are called to be in His presence, to lay before him our hopes and dreams, our sadness and our sin. Please allow this short time of stillness and quiet for all those who wish to place their concerns before the Lord. During this time of adoration, I will be available for confession.

Date for Diary: Our LPA Reconciliation Service which takes place this year on **Wednesday 13 December at 7pm** is at **Our Lady and St John's Heswall. All are welcome.**

Holy Communion: This weekend, at the Saturday Vigil Mass and at the Sunday 10.45am, we will introduce the opportunity to receive Holy Communion under both forms of Bread and Wine. There will be two places in the church where this Sacrament will be available. Firstly, at the front of the church. Secondly in the extension by the church door. The parish stewards will direct you. For those of you who receive Communion seated, you will be able to receive in your seats. I know that this addition to our weekend Mass will take a little bit of time to bed down, so please be patient with one another!

Our Primary School: I was delighted to be able to take part in our primary school's Service of Remembrance. At this service we brought an end to our time of remembrance for those who have died over the last year. We were invited to pick a glass stone and place it on the display as a token of all those who have gone before us 'marked with the sign of faith.' Our young people are simply amazing in the way they enter into 'this time of reflection'. You could feel an atmosphere of deep silence leading to Peace. Many thanks to all who prepared this celebration, especially Mrs Banister for all her hard work. Our school is blessed with so many gifted teachers and staff!

Have a good week, stay warm and look out for one another. With my prayers,

Fr Paul

Parish Christmas Meal: at Kri Kri on Thursday 7 December 7pm for a 7:30 start. Last minute changes contact Tony 07889063579.

SPUC: The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Unborn) is on Tuesday 12th December. We will be having a short pro-life service after morning mass and afterwards invite you for tea/coffee and seasonal refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome! (PS We are taking over from the SVP for this week only).

EMHC/Readers: A new rota for Dec - Mar is available online and in the sacristy.

Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal: If you would like to contribute to the appeal this year (perhaps as a Christmas present), please contact Marie Branch tel: 336 4287 leaflets are available in both porches. Cheques should be made payable to "SVP Twinnage". Certificates can be provided if requested in the name of the recipient. It costs just £1 per week to feed a baby. Over recent years between 4,000 and 10,000 small children have been fed at any one time depending on need in 13 centres on the outskirts of the capital and they are struggling to keep up with demand.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carols by Candlelight: This year's Carols by Candlelight will be held at St Michael's Church, Woodchurch on Tuesday 19th December at 7.00pm, when choirs, singing groups and children from our different parishes come together for a Christmas celebration. Retiring collection and seasonal refreshments.

NEW STARTERS AT ST WINEFRIDE'S SCHOOL

Do you have a child, or know someone who has a child, due to start school in September 2018? If you have a child with a birth date between 1st Sept 2013 and 31st Aug 2014, you need to register with Cheshire Admissions and Transfer Team at www.cheshire.gov.uk/admissions or use the Registration Form that should have been sent directly to your home during July. If you have not received a form, please speak to Mrs McCann at St Winefride's Primary School.

'Children get off to a good start to their education in the Early Years Foundation Stage and make good progress in the well-structured environment.' (Ofsted 2014)

'An air of calm and friendliness permeates the whole school. This is evident in all lessons and outside on the playgrounds. As a result, the school provides an orderly working environment for all.' (Ofsted 2014)

Music during Advent: We will be singing a new setting of the Sanctus and Memorial Acclamation during the 10:45am Mass from this Sunday. It has been written by a local composer in Liverpool and will enable us to expand our choice of settings as we sing and pray the Mass. As the advent candle is lit we will sing our Candle Song as we have for the past years:

Like a candle flame
Flickering small in our darkness
Uncreated light
Shines through infant eyes

*God is with us, alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia
Alleluia!*



ST WINEFRIDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday the whole school celebrated the beginning of Advent with a wonderful assembly led by Mrs Bannister. The school hall was decorated with the traditional advent alphabet, several advent calendars including an amazing knitted one, an advent wreath and a beautiful new lectern tapestry made by one of the pupils' grandmothers. The children were reminded of the story of Christmas and that advent is the period leading up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

The children will continue to prepare for Christmas by having special daily assemblies throughout Advent.

Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about him for whom we are waiting.

Henri Nouwen



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

26 November 2017

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| 25 Nov | SATURDAY | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | 6.30 pm | Eileen Perryman |
| 26 Nov | SUNDAY | DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE <i>Remembrance Service</i> | 8.45 am 10.45 am 2.30 pm | Peter Roberts Michael Halley Time of Reflection |
| 27 Nov | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | Ciaran Donnelly |
| 28 Nov | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Mary Henesey |
| 29 Nov | WEDNESDAY | | 10.00 am | Robert Nyland |
| 30 Nov | THURSDAY | <i>St Andrew, Patron of Scotland</i> | 10.00 am | Holy Souls |
| 1 Dec | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | Geoff Ashcroft |
| 2 Dec | SATURDAY | | 10.00 am | Glen Shone |
| 2 Dec | Next Weekend SATURDAY | 1st Sunday of Advent | 6.30 pm | Parish Family |
| 3 Dec | SUNDAY | DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Geoff Wylie Hugh Schofield |

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ST WINEFRIDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

All the children of St Winefride's, from reception class to Year 6, took part in a poetry recital in school recently. The event was very well attended by parents, carers, grandparents and friends who enjoyed some fantastic poetry and some amazing performances. Thank you to Mrs Hoskinson for organising the event and to all the staff for their hard work. Well done to the children. Some of the poetry was written by the children themselves including the following poem written by all the children of Year 5.

WHERE GOD IS FOUND

He is in the green leaves at the top of the tallest tree
He is in the breeze that gently kisses my face.
He is the sun, shining with happiness over us all.
In the thick snow, we see a bright glow, with him guiding us.
He is heard in every baby's cry.
He is in my toy box having fun.

He is heard in the laughter of everyone.
He is in my heart, when I am sad.
He is like my Father, when he looks after me.
He is seen beside us, when the road is long.
He is in my heart and yours - giving us life.
He is right here now - in our school and community.

Fr Paul writes...

Communion under both kinds: From next weekend, at both the Saturday Vigil Mass and at the Sunday 10.45am Mass, we will be introducing the availability of receiving Holy Communion on both forms of Bread and Wine. There will be two areas in the church where you will be able to receive both forms of the Sacrament: firstly at the front of the church (as normal) and secondly in the church extension by the porch doors. Our parish stewards will be on hand to assist in directing you. For those of you who receive Communion in your seats, please remain there and we will come to you as normal.

I will have to move some benches to make room for us to reverently receive the Eucharist and I am prepared for the inevitable 'hick-ups' over the next Sundays, so I do ask for your patience. I am always open and ready to hear your suggestions to improve our reception of the Eucharist.

Advent: Next weekend we begin the Season of Advent. Before our weekend Masses the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm on Saturday, from 8:00 – 8:35am and 10:00 – 10:20 am on Sundays. I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during these times.

Maintenance: Over the recent months, I have added more lights outside the church, presbytery and carpark. I have also started renewing some of the lights in the church. Speaking of lights - I'm most grateful to the band of gentlemen who have put up the festive lights around our buildings.

Parish Hall: There appears to be some concern about the cleanliness of our Parish Hall. After being here for several months the volunteers looking after the parish hall wished to hand over this responsibility and we thanked them for their service. A request was made in the newsletter for parishioners to take this on, but as no offers were forthcoming, I decided to do the job myself (!) Seven months later I employed a cleaner who now comes every fortnight. One of the problems regarding the use of the hall has been that each group has had their own 'sacred space.' Thus, I took on the responsibility of providing, tea, coffee, biscuits, juice and sugar for shared use for all the parish community. Our hall is used about 15 hours a week and each group is asked to leave the hall in good order. However, on Friday, next week, I will start to check the hall and if there are any 'goods' left, these will be collected and taken for recycling as appropriate.

As a number of you will know, I always see positive criticism as a blessing. I encourage it, as it is a positive way of all of us moving forward together along a shared path. But please do be mindful of the damage that ill-informed 'gossip' can do: to paraphrase JFK: 'Do not ask what the Church can do for you. Ask rather what you can do for your Church!'

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Fr Paul

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Music this Christmas: We are looking for volunteers to play simple carols (keyboard or guitar) at the 11:30pm Mass on 24 December or would anyone be prepared to start the singing? Contact Louise on 336 1096 or louise@wilkinsontowers.com

EMHC/Readers: There will be a meeting for 7 pm on Thurs 30 November to prepare for the introduction Holy Communion under both kinds at all Sunday masses and to prepare for Advent and Christmas. A new rota for Dec - Mar is available online and in the sacristy.

SPUC: Christmas cards are available in our Church Hall after all Mass, lovely cards and all with the traditional Christmas Message. Please pop in and buy a pack of cards and support our Pro Life Work.

SVP Tuesday Morning Teas: We are looking forward to starting the Parish weekly Tea and Biscuits social get together in the Church Hall starting on Tuesday 28th November at 10:30 (after morning Mass). If you can help make tea and coffee or provide a lift, please contact one of the SVP team (Mark Branch 0151 336 4287). We look forward to seeing many of you for a chat and a drink.

Lift Required: Could anyone give two parishioners in Little Neston a lift to 10:45am Mass on Sundays? If you can help, please contact Deacon Mike or Fr Paul.

Christmas Fair

St Winefride's Primary School

Friday 1 December 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Come and enjoy some festive cheer in the school

hall. Santa will be visiting, Raffle Prizes,

Handmade Crafts, Children's Games,

Refreshments and much more...

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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ORDINARY TIME XXXIII

19 November 2017

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| 19 Nov | SUNDAY | 2 nd Collection: Clergy Education & Training Fund | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Terry Lyons RIP Fred Barber |
| 20 Nov | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | Deceased Family and Friends |
| 21 Nov | TUESDAY | The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 10.00 am | RIP Brian Davies |
| 22 Nov | WEDNESDAY | | 1.30 pm | Francis McIlroy Requiem |
| 23 Nov | THURSDAY | St Clement I | 10.00 am | Holy Souls |
| 24 Nov | FRIDAY | Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions | 10.00 am | Holy Souls |
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FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION 2018

Parents' Meeting - Monday 15 January, 6.00pm in the church hall

For parents who wish their children to receive the sacraments of
First Forgiveness and Holy Communion in 2018.

Mass for Enrolment - Sunday 28 January, 10.45am
for all those preparing for First Forgiveness and Holy Communion

First Forgiveness - Palm Sunday, 25 March, 2.00pm

Holy Communion Mass - Saturday 16 June, 10.00am

St Winefride's School Mass - Monday 18 June in school
for all children who have celebrated their First Communion, parishioners and friends

From Bishop Mark
Clergy Education & Training Fund - Special Collection

This weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends. Special envelopes are available for you to use for the collection, which you can also use to take advantage of Gift Aid. A leaflet about the fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, or how you can make your donation either Online or by Cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations to the fund. If you prefer, you can donate Online via Paypal to the fund at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-andtraining-fund where you can also take advantage of Gift Aid. I ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible for the provision of the best formation for a new generation of priests.

With every good wish, yours sincerely in Christ

+ Mark

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ST WINEFRIDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Rugby Success: The school are proud to announce that on November 10, the Year 6 team won the second round of the tag rugby competition. This involved playing teams from Ellesmere Port, Helsby and Frodsham. Following the win the team will represent Ellesmere Port and surrounding areas at the Cheshire Games next March.

Hockey Success: Incredibly the Year 6 hockey team achieved the same success before half-term and will be representing the Ellesmere Port, Neston and Frodsham areas at the Cheshire Games too!

Congratulations to all the children involved in these amazing teams. Thank you to the teachers for all their hard work, and to the parents for supporting their children and the school.

ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Cheshire Foodbank: The foodbank is now at Neston Community and Youth Centre (NCYC). The Foodbank will be working with NCYC to develop our 'Meeting Place' approach to supporting people who need emergency food. Bringing together expert support such as Citizens Advice, and opportunities for people to get involved in the community activities already going on at NCYC, we hope lasting relationships will be built to help local people who are struggling. The Foodbank team will be there every Thursday, 10am - 12noon. Why not pop by for a cup of tea? If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to find out more please get in touch: 0151 355 7730 or email operations@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacancy for Accounts Senior: Based at the Curial Offices in Birkenhead, and reporting to the Accounts Manager, the Accounts Senior will be responsible for supporting the Accounts Manager in the execution of their duties. Salary range: £18K to £22K depending on qualifications and experience. www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies please send CV by Friday 24 November to pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

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ORDINARY TIME XXXII

12 November 2017

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| 11 Nov | SATURDAY | 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | Parish Family | | | |
| 12 Nov | SUNDAY | DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL VICTIMS OF WAR <i>Remembrance Day</i> | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Holy Souls For those who died because of war | | | |
| 13 Nov | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | RIP John O'Mahoney | | | |
| 14 Nov | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | RIP Fr Patrick Shivnen | | | |
| 15 Nov | WEDNESDAY | <i>St Albert the Great</i> | 10.00 am | RIP Peter Durrant | | | |
| 16 Nov | THURSDAY | <i>St Edmund of Abingdon, St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude</i> CWL Bereavement Mass | 10.00 am 7:00pm | Mary Jevons Deceased Members of the CWL | | | |
| 17 Nov | FRIDAY | <i>St Hilda, St Hugh of Lincoln, St Elizabeth of Hungary</i> | 10.00 am | Health: Jayne Peet | | | |
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OUR MISSION TOGETHER

As many of you may know the Our Mission Together campaign has been running in our Parish for the last 8 weeks.

So far I have been overwhelmed by the support and generosity of this parish and I would like to thank those who have participated so far. It has been a wonderful experience for me meeting with so many of you and I look forward to meeting with and sharing the vision with many more of you.

We are moving ever closer to achieving our dream of employing a part-time youth worker and refurbishing the kitchen in our parish hall.

As the campaign moves forward, I have asked for the help and support of a number of parishioners to assist me in sharing the Our Mission Together vision with every household in the parish.

Over the coming weeks you may be contacted by a volunteer who would like to arrange an opportunity to meet with you and share this wonderful vision.

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Bishop of Shrewsbury

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Holy Souls: In memory of our loved ones who have gone before us there are envelopes into which you can put your deceased loved ones' names and place them in the basket near the Altar. Your loved ones will be remembered at Mass throughout November. There will be a Service of Remembrance on Sunday 26th November at 2.30pm. You are all most welcome.

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CWL: Autumn lunch in the church hall on Wednesday 15 November 12.00 – 2.30 pm. Homemade soup and fresh bread followed by tea/coffee, also a raffle! Proceeds donated to CAFOD and Mary's Meals who serve over a million life-changing meals to the world's poorest children every school day. It costs £12.20 to feed a hungry child for a school year! More info available on the day.

Annual Bereavement Mass: Thursday 16 November at 7.00 pm. We remember all our deceased CWL Members and those of the parish. There will be light refreshments in the hall following Mass.

SPUC: Christmas cards now on sale in the hall after all masses and with the traditional Christmas message. **SPUC Meeting** next Tuesday 14th November 7.30pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HYMN: We Place into your Hands

(Tune to Dear Lord and Father of Mankind)

1. We place into your hands, O Lord, the souls of those we love: we trust your promise is not vain that all, through grace and faith, may gain a place in heaven above. (x 2)
2. We place into your hands, O Lord, this world and all its care, The grief and hurt and pain we feel, when desperation makes us kneel in silent, wordless prayer. (x 2)
3. We place into your hands, O Lord, These burdens that we bear: Each sorrow and each past regret, And ask that in our hearts you'll set your peace beyond compare. (x2)
4. We place into your hands, O Lord, our future and our past: And as you bless us on our way, and travel with us night and day, your love will hold us fast. (x 2)

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Library: We have been given a number of interesting books which have been put in the Library in the back porch. There is now a good selection of books in our free library. The library is now full and we cannot accept any more books at present. Many thanks to everyone who has donated books over the years. If you have not taken a book out recently it is well worth a browse. You are bound to find something to interest you over the dark winter evenings. Please remember to sign out your choice in the book provided.

SVP Tuesday Morning Teas: We are looking forward to starting the Parish weekly Tea and Biscuits social get together in the Church Hall starting on Tuesday 28th November at 10:30 (after morning Mass). If you can help make tea and coffee or provide a lift, please contact one of the SVP team (Mark Branch 0151 336 4287). We look forward to seeing many of you for a chat and a drink.

CWL: Committee Meeting Thurs 9 Nov 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

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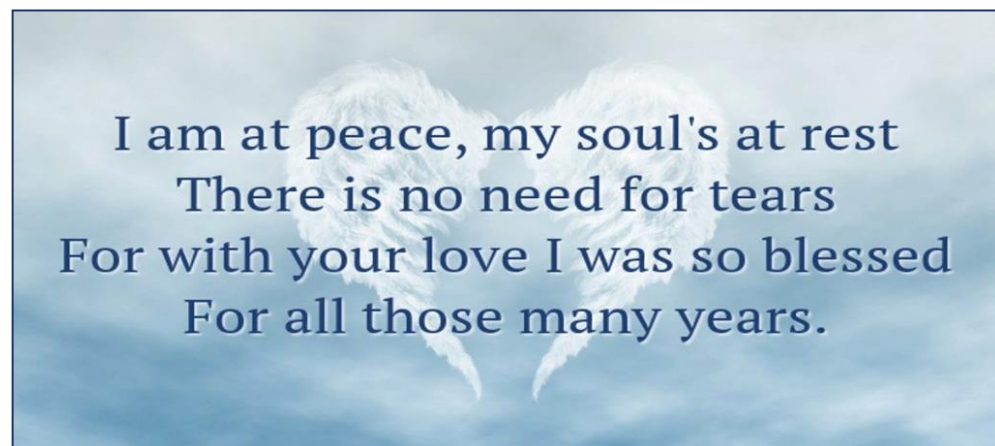
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ORDINARY TIME XXXI

5 November 2017

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| 4 Nov | SATURDAY | 31 st Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | Int: Stanley | | |
| 5 Nov | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Private intention For those who died because of war | | |
| 6 Nov | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | Holy Souls | | |
| 7 Nov | TUESDAY | St Willibrord | 10.00 am | Holy Souls | | |
| 8 Nov | WEDNESDAY | | 10.00 am | Holy Souls | | |
| 9 Nov | THURSDAY | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | 10.00 am | Holy Souls | | |
| 10 Nov | FRIDAY | St Leo the Great | 10.00 am | Holy Souls | | |
| 11 Nov | SATURDAY | St Martin of Tours | 10.00 am | Holy Souls | | |
| 11 Nov | Next Weekend SATURDAY | 32 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Remembrance Day DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL VICTIMS OF WAR | 6.30 pm | Parish Family | | |
| 12 Nov | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Holy Souls For those who died because of war | | |
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SPUC: Last Friday (27 October) it was 50 years since the Abortion Act came into force in England and Wales, since then 8.8 million babies have been lost to Abortion. The Hoyle Pro Life Group have organised an Ecumenical Service of prayer and music to Reflect on the Sanctity of Life. It will be this Sunday 29 October at 4pm in St Catherine's Church Birkenhead Road, Hoyle CH64 5AF. All are welcome to attend.

SPUC Christmas Cards are now on sale in the church hall after all Masses.

Many thanks to all who came to the brilliant Susan Hedges Concert, gave donations or raffle prizes. We raised £427.40 for our Pro Life Work.

Feast of All Saints: A vigil Mass for this Feast will take place on Tuesday evening at 7pm Mass on 1st November is at the usual 10am.

November the month when we pray for the Holy Souls: As you come into church you will find some envelopes to put your family names who has died into. You can place this envelope in the basket near the Altar. Your loved ones names will be remembered at Mass throughout November. There will be a service of remembrance here on Sunday 26th at 2.30pm. You are all most welcome

Feast of St Winefride: We will celebrate this feast this Friday 3rd November at 10am. After Mass there will be some light refreshments in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Parish Telephone has been out of action for the last 12 days. On Friday an engineer from BT has begun to reconnect the service. He is hopeful that we should be up and running in the next few days. This fault has also affected our email.

World Mission Sunday

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of peace with those in greatest need. We raised £265.99. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting Missio throughout the year please go to mission.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755

ORDINARY TIME XXX

29 October 2017

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| 28 Oct | SATURDAY | 30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | Monica and John Ellis – 50 th Wed Ann |
| 29 Oct | SUNDAY | Annual Mass count | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Parish Family Tom Topping Snr |
| 30 Oct | MONDAY | | 10.00 am | John, Maureen and Patrick O'Grady |
| 31 Oct | TUESDAY | All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) Vigil | 10.00 am 7.00 pm | Daniel Healy Tony Topping |
| 1 Nov | WEDNESDAY | All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) | 10.00 am | Parish Family |
| 2 Nov | THURSDAY | All Souls | 10.00 am | Holy Souls |
| 3 Nov | FRIDAY | St Martin de Porres and St Winefride | 10.00 am | Margaret and William Garrigan |
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ORDINARY TIME XXIX

22 October 2017

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| 21 Oct | SATURDAY | 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Collection: World Mission Sunday</i> | 6.30 pm | Parishioners |
| 22 Oct | SUNDAY | <i>Annual Mass count</i> | 8.45 am 10.45 am | RIP: Olive Webley RIP: Tom and Sean McKeown |
| 23 Oct | MONDAY | <i>St John of Capestrano</i> | 12.00 noon | Christiana McElhoney |
| 24 Oct | TUESDAY | <i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i> | 10.00 am | Jack Turner |
| 25 Oct | WEDNESDAY | | 10.00 am | Special Intention |
| 26 Oct | THURSDAY | <i>Ss Chad & Cedd</i> | 10.00 am | RIP Kevin Morris |
| 27 Oct | FRIDAY | | 10.00 am | RIP Jim Blundell |
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Piety Stall Rota: A copy of the new rota is now on-line.

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 19 October at 7.30 pm in the Hall. Pat Wood will be giving a flower demonstration and stories of her travels. Always an interesting evening. All welcome.

SPUC: Christmas Cards will be on sale from next weekend The Hoylake Pro-Life Group have organised an ecumenical service of prayer and music to proclaim *The Sanctity of Life* to reflect on 50 years of the abortion act. It takes place on Sunday 29th October at 4pm at St Catherine's Church, Birkenhead road, Hoylake CH47 5AF. All are welcome. (see also notices in both porches)

ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

One World Week: The annual service will take place this Sunday (22 October) evening at 6.30 pm at St Michael's, Little Neston.

Pope Francis' Message (abridged) for World Mission Sunday, 2017

Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith

World Mission Sunday this year gathers us once again around Jesus, 'the first and greatest evangeliser' (Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 7), who sends us out to proclaim the Gospel. We are asked to reflect on mission at the heart of the Christian faith. As believers in a world marked by disappointment, frustration, and torn apart by war, it is important to ask ourselves: What is the *basis* of our mission? What is the *heart* of our mission? What are the *essential approaches* we need to take in carrying out our mission?

Mission: the Way, the Truth and the Life

The Church's mission is based on the life-changing power of the Gospel. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. *Jn 14:6*). He is the *Way* who invites us to follow him with courage. Doing this, we experience *Truth* and receive his *Life*, a life that sets us free from selfishness, encouraging us to love. God wants us to be transformed by being open to the Holy Spirit and following Christ, ensuring the Gospel becomes a vital and effective tool to live by.

A contemporary mission

The Church's mission is not to spread a religious or grandiose ideology. Instead, Jesus Christ continues to evangelise and to act. Through the Gospel, the risen Jesus becomes our contemporary. 'Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force.' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 276).

'Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a decisive direction' (Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 1).

The Gospel invites us to live our life participating in the Sacraments. Through *Baptism*, the Gospel becomes a source of new life. Through *Confirmation*, it becomes a fortifying anointing, pointing out new ways for witness. Through the *Eucharist*, it becomes food for new life (Ignatius of Antioch, *Ad Ephesios*, 20, 2).

The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues his mission as *Good Samaritan*, caring for humanity's wounds, and as *Good Shepherd*, seeking out those who are lost on paths that lead nowhere. There are countless testimonies as to how the transformative power of the Gospel helps to overcome conflict, while promoting reconciliation.

Mission: a spirit of exodus, pilgrimage and exile

The Church's mission is enlivened by a spirit of *constant exodus*. We are challenged 'to go forth from our own comfort zone to reach all the 'peripheries' (margins) in need of the Gospel' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 20). The Church's mission urges us to undertake a *constant pilgrimage* across various deserts of life, as we hunger and thirst for truth and justice. The Church's mission inspires a sense of *constant exile*, as we journey towards our final home in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mission reminds us that we should not be a self-referential, self-obsessed Church. We should be 'a Church which is bruised, hurting

and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security' (*ibid.*, 49).

Young people, the hope of mission

Young people are the hope of mission. 'There are many young people who engage in various forms of activism and volunteering... How beautiful it is to see that young people are "street preachers", joyfully bringing Jesus to every street, every town square and every corner of the earth!' (*ibid.*, 106). The next Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2018 is on the theme *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*.

Mission Societies (Missio)

The Pontifical Mission Societies (Missio) are a precious means of awakening in Christian communities - young people, adults, families, priests, bishops and religious orders - a desire to reach beyond their own confines to proclaim the Gospel to all. World Mission Sunday, promoted by Missio's APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith), is the ideal way for us all to support the pressing needs of evangelisation through our prayer, our witness and our giving.

Mission with Mary, Mother of Evangelisation

In carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelisation. Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life. May she help us to say our own 'yes', conscious of the need to make the Good News of Jesus resonate in our time. May she intercede for us so we can discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to everyone.

By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCRS: The next module, The New Testament begins on Saturday 11 November at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY (9:30am for) 10:00 – 3:30pm. You may start the course (comprising 8 modules) at the beginning of any module – registration forms and details at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs. A non-certificate option is also available (no essays!)

Adoremus - Eucharistic Congress 7-9 September 2018, Liverpool: for further details please visit: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/adoremus. Sessions on Friday 7 Sept have been designed for Parish Catechists, RE Teachers, chaplains, EMHC and musicians. Saturday (8) at the Echo Arena, features keynote speakers, Mass, a drama piece and Adoration. Sunday (9) closes with a street procession and pilgrimage Masses. Tickets £40 for Friday or Saturday. Please let Fr Paul know if you would like to participate.



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15 October 2017

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| 15 Oct | SUNDAY | Annual Mass count | 8.45 am 10.45 am | Parishioners Mike Walsh |
| 16 Oct | MONDAY | St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque | 10.00 am | Health: Jayne Peet |
| 17 Oct | TUESDAY | St Ignatius of Antioch | 10.00 am | Service of Word and Communion |
| 18 Oct | WEDNESDAY | St Luke | 10.00 am | RIP: Alan Christian |
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PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL

It's that time already! Usual time – usual place: KRI KRI on Thursday 7 December at 7pm. The prices are held from last year and are £11 per head which includes a glass of wine, a starter and main course.

As always places are limited so do sign up (sheets and menu choices will be available in the porches) and get your menu choices in asap to Tony Wright either via the Presbytery or directly to him 38 Coniston Road, Little Neston,
M: 07889063579 E: socials@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Offerings: Do take one of our "new" envelopes and return to the Mass Offerings box (by the St Anthony statue) if you wish to have Mass offered for a loved one, a special occasion, a special intention, thanksgiving – in fact almost anything!

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Flower Arranging Rota: A copy of the new rota is now available on-line and in the Sacristy.

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 19 October at 7.30 pm in the Hall. Pat Wood will be giving a flower demonstration and stories of her travels. Always an interesting evening. All welcome

SPUC: Christmas Cards will be on sale from next weekend The Hoylake Pro-Life Group have organised an ecumenical service of prayer and music to proclaim THE SANCITY OF LIFE to reflect on 50 years of the abortion act. It takes place on Sunday 29th October at 4pm at St Catherine's Church, Birkenhead road, Hoylake CH47 5AF All are welcome. (see also notices in both porches)

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ecumenical Prayer Service: with Bishop Mark and other Shropshire Church Leaders. All are welcome, but for purposes of catering if you wish to attend, please register at: canon.jonathan@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk

Inspirational Catholics in Healthcare: The conference takes place on Saturday 4th November 2017 at St Aloysius Catholic Church, Euston, London. Those interested or for more details should please contact us on events@catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk or via the Facebook page: http://facebook.com/CMAEnglandandWales

Adoremus - Eucharistic Congress 7-9 September 2018, Liverpool. Our parish has been allocated 6 seats for this unique gathering of laity, clergy and religious coming together and celebrating the life and mission of the Church through the Eucharist. Friday's sessions at Hope University have been designed for Parish Catechists, RE Teachers, chaplains, EMHC and musicians. Saturday is at the Echo Arena featuring keynote speakers, Mass, a drama piece and Adoration. Sunday closes with a street procession and pilgrimage Masses. Cost for a ticket is £40 for Friday or Saturday: first come first served. Please let Fr Paul know if you would like to participate as soon as possible.

FAIRTRADE, CAFOD AND SAINSBURYS

From CAFOD: Sainsbury's is the largest retailer of Fairtrade products in the UK. They've decided to abandon Fairtrade certification on some of their own-brand tea products and pilot their own scheme instead, known as 'Fairly Traded'.

Tea farmers in Africa have publicly opposed the move away from the Fairtrade Mark as it takes away their power to decide where to invest the Fairtrade Premium in their communities. We are concerned that this new 'Fairly Traded' tea, and any products that follow it, could mean an unfair deal for poor farmers.

Day of Action - 28 October

On 28 October, we're asking all Fairtrade supporters to take action. Gather members of your parish or community together and use mug props saying 'Ditching Fairtrade: not my cup of tea' outside your local store. Call the press, chat to customers, hand a letter to the store manager. You could even hold a tea party outside your local Sainsbury's!

Take action and tell Sainsbury's not to ditch Fairtrade with these simple steps:

Step 1: Personalise and print our letter to Sainsbury's (<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Fairtrade>) and get as many people in your parish to sign it

Step 2: Print our 'Ditching Fairtrade: Not my cup of tea' mug and take a group photo with it outside your local Sainsbury's

Step 3: Hand in the letter to the local store manager. You can go one step further by purchasing a box of 'Fairly Traded' tea and then return it immediately with the letter, explaining why you don't want Sainsbury's ditching Fairtrade.

If you want to organise a group action but you're not really sure where to begin, you can find an organiser's guide, Fairtrade mug props, fliers and even a template press release: www.dontditchfairtrade.com website.

Plan your event, take pictures on the day and share them online with @CAFOD!





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SVP: Second Collection - The SVP thank you for your generous donations to the second collection last week of £588; your contributions help support families in St Winefride's and the local community.

Festival Meeting - All are welcome to the SVP festival meeting on Saturday 14th October, 10:00am-3:00pm at Our Lady of the Sea, 2a Enfield Road, Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY. The theme is "Welcoming the Stranger" and there will be talks on Refugees and Twinnage projects. Please bring your own lunch and an item to share, tea and coffee will be provided.

CWL: Committee Meeting this Thursday 12 October at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

SPUC: Our evening with Susan Hedges is next Friday 13th October 7.30pm in St Winefride's School Hall, there will be a light supper and a raffle (prizes gratefully accepted) and do not forget to bring your own drink and glasses. Margaret will be available for tickets, (priced only £5) in the new porch after all Masses this weekend, or you can ring her on 336 2050.

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Grandparents' Mass: Celebrating the vocation of grandparents, Mass will be at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday 14 October at 11am followed by light refreshments.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Talks on the Persecuted Church: Tuesday 10 October, 7:30 – 9:30pm at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Talks on hopes for a brighter future for Christians in Nigeria and on Iraq's Nineveh Plains.

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NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
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I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

ORDINARY TIME XXVII

8 October 2017

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|--------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 7 Oct | SATURDAY | 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS</i> | 6.30 pm | Parish Family |
| 8 Oct | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am 10.45 am | RIP Stan Wilkinson RIP Mike Walsh |
| 9 Oct | MONDAY | <i>St Denis, St John Leonardi, Bl John Henry Newman</i> | 10.00 am | Health: Terry |
| 10 Oct | TUESDAY | <i>St Paulinus of York</i> | 10.00 am | Service of Word & Eucharist |
| 11 Oct | WEDNESDAY | <i>St John XXIII</i> | 10.00 am | RIP Anastasia |
| 12 Oct | THURSDAY | <i>St Wilfred</i> | 10.00 am | INT Jack & Mary Henesy |
| 13 Oct | FRIDAY | <i>St Edward the Confessor</i> | 10.00 am | Parishioners |
| 14 Oct | SATURDAY | <i>St Callistus I</i> | 10.00 am | Patrick McLaughlin |
| 14 Oct | Next Weekend SATURDAY | 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.30 pm | Parishioners |
| 15 Oct | SUNDAY | | 8.45 am 10.45 am | RIP Stan Wilkinson RIP Mike Walsh |

Weekdays: Adoration from 9.00am; Morning Prayer 9:40am; Rosary following 10.00am Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm

RIP: John Bland

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

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| | 7 October / 8 October | | | 14 October / 15 October | | |
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| | 6:30pm (Vigil) | 8:45am | 10:45am | 6:30pm (Vigil) | 8:45am | 10:45am |
| Readers - Readings | D Davies | T Nolan | J Tunstall | M Green | K Ankers | I Trotman |
| Readers - Intercessions | P Flanagan | R Pisarek | T Topping | D Davies | Larty Family | J Braidwood |
| EMHC | K Powell C Haines | K Hughes M Davies | A Cropper D Barber | M Branch J Gordon | T McGlynn R Pisarek | J Tunstall D Pover |
| Counters | Brian and Fran | | | Colette and Justin | | |
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2nd Tues of month: SPUC 7:30pm in hall; **3rd Thur of month:** CWL 7.30pm in hall
Last Sunday's Offering: Thank you for your support!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

The very first Family Fast Day was held on Friday 11 March 1960, when volunteer members of the National Board of Catholic Women raised funds for a Dominica mother and baby clinic.

This year, Harvest Fast Day was Friday 6 October (our collection postponed due to SVP appeal last weekend), and focuses on the work our partners are doing in El Salvador.

Edelmira and Martir are farmers in El Salvador. They live on and depend on their land. The harvest they reap is used to put food on the table, and sold to buy essential items such as clothes and medicine.

Cafod's partner, Solidaridad CVX, are working with farmers like Edelmira and Martir to provide training and reintroduce native seeds that were used generations ago. These seeds are strong and able to grow in the warm, rainy climate, ensuring that farmers are able to harvest crops, and with that, the surety that they will be able to provide for their families.



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And I will trust in you alone (x2)
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.



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ORDINARY TIME XXVI

1 October 2017

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| 30 Sep 1 Oct | SATURDAY SUNDAY | 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time 2nd Collection SVP | 6.30 pm 8.45 am 10.45 am | Parish Family Health: Geoff Wylie RIP: Doris Burns |
| 2 Oct | MONDAY | <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 3 Oct | TUESDAY | | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 4 Oct | WEDNESDAY | <i>St Francis of Assisi</i> | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 5 Oct | THURSDAY | <i>St Thomas of Hereford</i> | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
| 6 Oct | FRIDAY | <i>St Bruno Day of Special Prayer for the Hungry and Needy of the World</i> | 10.00 am | Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist |
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SVP IN ST WINEFRIDE'S

Dear Friends of St Winefride's

Our aim is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need. The concept of need is broader than financial hardship, a significant proportion of our work is visiting people who are sick, lonely, in hospital, or suffering. The essence of what we do is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is our greatest gift.

Here in St Winefride's, we live our mission through helping others in need in many ways. In the last year, we have made over 800 visits to parishioners and members of the local community either in their own homes or in hospital; the majority of them are to those living alone and unable to leave their homes; and we have made visits to families of all ages. We also help by organising transport to mass and we thank the many Parishioners doing this every week.

Sometimes, more practical help is needed such as food, clothes, furniture, holidays or financial help. Our members are active in supporting our local Foodbank and we regular help with providing funds to families often at times of major upheaval in their lives.

The Chester and Ellesmere Port District SVP own a holiday home at Talacre that is shared amongst the parishes. We have 4 weeks allocated throughout the year (from March to Oct) two of which are in the school holidays, if you know a family who would benefit please let us know. The cost of the holiday home is funded through the theatre night in June, a sponsored walk (to be held on 1st October) and recycling printer ink cartridges and mobile phones; you can place these in the box in the parish hall next to the photocopier.

In the summer, we organise an afternoon tea event for our older parishioners, this year we had 45 attend this popular event held at Inglewood Manor, this was a lovely time to meet-up and socialise. And in early December, we hold our SVP Christmas dinner; last year "Britain Has Got Talent" came to Neston and we had two singing stars from our parish who provided much fun and entertainment.

The SVP relies on the generosity of parishioners in St Winefride's to fund many of our activities; the money raised goes to providing support for the events during the year, providing financial help to families and "Twinning" supporting overseas SVP conferences. We support two conferences in India & Sudan, this enables them to assist families who are in need. In India each conference has adopted families who receive food, clothing and help with school fees and medical bills as there is no free welfare system in India. In addition, parishioners support two other schemes: the Sudan baby feeding appeal which helps to feed babies and young children in South Sudan through 2 feeding centres; the Indian Student Sponsorship scheme funds student school fees as education is not free. Please contact Marie Branch for more details about Twinning and sponsorships.

We are looking forward to starting a Tea & Coffee morning every Tuesday in the Parish Hall during Advent, if you are interested in volunteering to help or know someone who would like to come along, please contact us. And look out for more details in the parish newsletter in October.

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